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THE days come and go — the months are counted, and the year is numbered. Almost before we recognize the fact, the last issue is to be prepared, and the accounts closed for the sixth volume. It has been a good year for the magazine. Fears in regard to its success have not been realized; the sympathy and support given to it have been encouraging and gratifying, and the wisdom of the change to a monthly publication seems not to have been questioned. Steadily has it won its way into new homes, and in most of its former ones it has not been rejected.

The Quaker gray dress has changed to one more cheerful in color, adorned with an impression of gold and silver ferns from the Himalayas, and a representation of one of India's magnificently carved temples. In its clear-typed pages have been voiced with fidelity the principles and purposes of the Society, as they have been understood. It is hoped there has been no discordant note in them, but always that harmony which is the result of union in love for the uplifting of humanity in obedience to the command of the beneficent Father.

It is evident that the workers have come nearer to each other in heart and purpose, as they have caught glimpses

each of what the other has been doing, and that the circle of these earnest, faithful ones is constantly enlarging. Not far have we been brought in point of time through the history of the mission, in *Reminiscences*, but the experiences so carefully described and facts so clearly related, are invaluable.

In the poems there may not have been new thoughts, but some one staggering under life's burdens may have been kept from falling, some aching heart relieved, some impulse to duty and toward Heaven been awakened by them. No doubt many have been inspired by the bright words of the missionaries, who have kept so brave a heart, and out of their burdened lives have sent so many messages. Has there gone back to them that which proves that it is "more blessed to give than to receive?"

It has had to speak of changes in the mission fields, of partings—the dropping out of weary hands the work dear from years of care and sacrifice,—of hours of darkness, when the mists have gathered thick, and courage has been found only in the promise, "All things work together for good."

The record is made up. The never-ending circles which have been put in motion by us will touch the eternal gates before they cease.

THIS is the season when agents are beginning vigorous campaigns for subscribers to the various publications which are asking for our attention and support. We trust those interested in the *HELPER* are commencing early to canvass their respective districts; some have already indicated their intention to double their lists, and are beginning to see the end desired. Let none be discouraged or indifferent. All through our borders there should be, for the next few weeks, a continued and persistent effort to obtain at least *one thousand new subscribers*. A few here, and more there, will accomplish such a good result. The following resolutions, adopted at the late annual meeting, are suggestive and encouraging:

Resolved, That we feel henceforth that this is *our* magazine, not only to enjoy and profit by, but ours to support, and that we give to those who have it in immediate care our constant sympathy and prayers ; and also that we send to its editor, for her use, such items of fact or information as come to our notice, and that we do what we may be able to advance the interests of so useful and worthy a publication.

Resolved, That, since a large number of subscribers will increase its usefulness and efficiency, each church endeavor, if not pledge itself, to add as many names as possible to its list of subscribers.

OUR readers will remember that reference was made to the Government Education Commission in India, in connection with the work and position of Pandita Ramabae. A recent number of the *Review* tells us that the Hon. W. W. Hunter, president of this commission, recently made these statements in regard to its position on the question of female education in India. They are full of hope and promise to the friends of the advancement of India's daughters :

"There is no point which has received more earnest attention from the Education Commission than the instruction of girls. On other points there have been differences of opinion among us, but in regard to female instruction we shall give forth no uncertain sound. We hope by greater liberality, by closer attention, and by a more sympathetic adaptation of general rules to the special difficulties of girls' education in India, that the commission will have done something towards the solution of this great and intricate problem."

THE medical mission is one of the most efficient agencies employed by any mission to the heathen, and especially to women. The women of England are taking measures to send persons educated for this special department to India in larger numbers, Her Majesty the Queen, giving her influence to the work, as the following fact testifies : "Mrs. Manning, the secretary of the National Indian Association, has received a letter, stating that Her Majesty gladly countenances a proposal to raise, with the coöperation of natives of India, a guaranteed fund for the benefit of women doctors willing to go out from this country (England) to settle in India."

An Historical Paper.

[BY MRS. M. S. WATERMAN.]

READ AT THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE SOCIETY AT MINNEAPOLIS,
MINN., OCTOBER 6, 1883.

AN eminent divine in a recent address on missions says, "I stand amazed before the revelations of the last decade, as to how women may help Christ's kingdom come. What unused and unguessed resources have been lying hid, which this woman's work for woman has called out of their secret place and sent on missionary errands around the world!"

It is but a little more than a score of years ago that a devoted Christian woman, a close observer of missionary work in heathen lands, became convinced that an agency was required, hitherto unemployed, for bringing the Gospel to bear upon a very important portion of the heathen world. It is true something had been done in introducing a pure Christianity into those dark lands, by the translation of the Scriptures and by the preaching of the Gospel, but the women were not reached. They were shut up in zenanas and harems, entirely unapproachable by the outside world. And there they were left to go down in darkness and death, generation after generation.

Under the inspiration of the Good Spirit, Mrs. Doremus, of New York City, and a few others conceived a plan to penetrate those hidden recesses of pagan tyranny and superstition. A large number of women from the various evangelical denominations became interested. Four consecrated young women volunteered to go forth as representatives of this new enterprise. "The Great Head of Missions went before them, and the souls of the perishing women were reached," although a long time was needed to remove the idea from their darkened minds, that man alone is worthy of mental or moral progress. Schools for girls have been established, and now those wives, mothers, and teachers are working out the moral regeneration of their sex.

The statement was made not long since in the *Morning Star*, that the women's missionary societies are now carrying on about one-fifth of all the missionary work in India. The penetration of the walls of the zenanas of India was the signal of a new departure in missionary work. "Woman's Work for Woman," became the watch-word, and many responded to

it. The Freewill Baptist women heard the cry and marshaled for duty.

But this was not the beginning of their missionary work. As early as 1847 the Free Baptist Female Missionary Society was organized, and continued in active operation for twenty years. There were in it noble workers, and it was efficient in diffusing missionary intelligence and raising funds. It was a fitting forerunner of the present Woman's Society.

In 1873 our missionaries in India had been sadly reduced by sickness and death, and an urgent appeal for help came to our people. More money and more missionaries were needed. Zenana homes were opening to us.

The good women began to plan a way to help. A call for a woman's missionary convention was issued, and resulted in the organization of the present Woman's Missionary Society, the anniversary of whose first decade we now celebrate.

The president, corresponding secretary, and treasurer who were elected at the time of the organization, have served the Society faithfully until the present time. These, with all the other officers of the Society, have willingly given their services as a free-will offering to the Lord. The members of our Board have always paid their own traveling expenses in attending the meetings. The money that has been given for missionary purposes goes to the work whereunto it was sent, no salaries or other expenses to be deducted.

In January, 1878, the first number of the *MISSIONARY HELPER*, a bi-monthly magazine, was issued by the Society. It is now a monthly publication. Instead of a circulation of 4,000, it ought to have 10,000 subscribers. How is it here in the great West? Is this excellent magazine in every household? The subscription price is but fifty cents for single copies, and forty cents in clubs, and for this small sum thirty-two pages of excellent reading is returned each month.

Very soon after the organization of our Society, a missionary was sent to India. The following are the missionaries sent to India by this Society: Miss Susan Libbey,* Miss Ida Phillips, Miss Hattie Phillips, Miss Mary Bachelor, Mrs. D. F. Smith, and Miss Lovina Coombs, at Harper's Ferry, West Va., Miss Lura Brackett and Miss Coralie Franklin. The school-girls at Storer College are aided somewhat.

*Deceased.

About forty zenana teachers are supported in India, also Mrs. Phillips' Ragged Schools, and aid has been given in the erection of the Industrial School building at Midnapore. It also has the care of an Orphanage at Jellalore. Myrtle Hall, a boarding-hall for girls at Harper's Ferry, stands as a monument to the faithfulness and perseverance of this Society. It has aided in the erection of Anthony Hall several hundred dollars. Recently it has begun to make appropriations for home mission work, especially in the frontier states. In addition to all this, the organization of this Society has utilized two forces,—the children and the women themselves. The conducting of children's bands not only teaches benevolence, but teaches some system in benevolence, a very important lesson, as we all know. They also learn the geography of our mission work, that India is not in China, nor China in Africa, that Storer College is in Harper's Ferry, and Harper's Ferry is not in Texas. They become interested in our missionaries, and learn where they are and who they are. The Woman's Society is not doing a better work than that among the children. When we see how weak and faithless and indifferent are the men and women to whom appeals for help are made, and from whom better things might well be expected, our hearts should be stirred within us so that we go to work and teach the children in such a way that they may become men and women capable of better things.

And as to our women, the organization of this Society is developing a self-reliant spirit because of the responsibility resting upon them in conducting the affairs of the society which is now of no mean proportions. Each year the number of our workers is increasing. Each year we are proving that a talent, however small, increases, if it is only brought into proper use.

It is the policy of this Society to do business on economical principles; to contract no debt, and always have a good foundation of a solid working capital.

The teachings of the Society are very practical. Two cents a week constituting membership, and that two cents never more acceptable than when it represents two cents' worth of self-sacrifice. And just here is a very important lesson for mothers, teachers, and directors of children's bands, *self-sacrifice*. A hundred cents of such money, when weighed in the balance of the sanctuary, comprehends more than a hundred cents to a dollar.

Therefore we would urge a thorough organization of chil-

dren's bands, auxiliary societies, Quarterly Meeting and Yearly Meeting societies, not only for the good of the cause, but for the good of the individuals themselves. Attention is called to the constitution of our Society, and also to its charter. Attention is particularly called to the article of the constitution which reads as follows :

"The officers of this Society shall be a president, a vice-president from each Yearly Meeting or Association society, who shall be the same person as is the president of a yearly meeting or association society, a corresponding secretary, a recording secretary, two or more home secretaries, a treasurer, an assistant treasurer, when needed, an auditor, who with thirteen other women shall constitute a board of managers." So the women of each Yearly Meeting all over the country may have a representative in the board of managers by becoming auxiliary to this Society.

We have been glad to welcome our Western sisters as they have organized auxiliaries, and have sympathized with them in the feeling they have that much of the money they raise is needed in the West. Provision is made so that they can organize auxiliary to this Society, and at the same time do missionary work in their own states.

Thus, as an incorporated body, with a charter broad in its privileges, with a constitution well adapted for our government, and with a large, earnest membership, we start out on the second decade with new dignity and greater responsibility. A broader door opens before us. All our sisters, far and wide, are invited to give a helping hand, and to have a part in the glory of the self-sacrifice. The work before us requires far reaching and wise plans. It will call for deep thought, for great faith, and for patient continuance. And it will have its reward.

IN India, within the last few years, says the *Heathen Woman's Friend*, native women have been able to travel on the cars in comparative seclusion, because of the provision of the government in arranging special compartments for them, or, as they are styled, "zenana cars." These cars are run on all trains, and frequently our missionary women ride in them, and have rare opportunities for conversation and mission work. In many of the railway stations native Christian women are employed as attendants, and now a Calcutta paper says that "female ticket collectors are to be employed on the East Indian Railroad."

"Doe the Nexte Thyng."

From an old English parsonage down by the sea
There came in the twilight a message to me.
The quaint Saxon legend, deeply engraven,
Hath, as it seems to me, teaching from heaven.
On through the hours its quiet tones ring,
Like a low inspiration, "Doe the nexte thyng."

Many a questioning, many a fear,
Many a doubt hath its answering here.
Moment by moment, let down from heaven,
Time, opportunity, guidance are given.
Fear not to-morrows, child of the King,
Trust them to Jesus, "Doe the nexte thyng."

Oh, He would have thee daily more free,
Knowing the might of thy Royal degree.
Ever in waiting, glad at His call;
Tranquil in chastening, trusting through all.
Coming and going, no turmoil need bring,
His is the future, "Doe the nexte thyng."

Do it immediately, do it with prayer;
Do it reliantly, casting all care;
Do it with reverence, tracing the hand
Which placed it before thee with earnest command.
Stay'd on Omnipotence safe 'neath His wing,
Leave all resultings, "Doe the nexte thyng."

Looking to Jesus, ever serener,
Working or waiting, be thy demeanor.
In the shade of His presence, the rest of his calm,
The light of His countenance, live out thy psalm.
Strong in His faithfulness, praise Him and sing,
Then, as he beckons thee, "Doe the nexte thyng."

From Stillness and Suffering.

MISSION TO LEPERS IN INDIA.—There are 107 lepers supported by the friends of this mission in connection with five institutions. The details transmitted by the missionaries in charge of the above asylums afford a sad insight into the realities of leper life in India. They set strongly before us the necessity for the work carried on by this Society, and may well stir the hearts of God's people to a yet more earnest effort to lead these poor suffering ones to Him, who "himself took our infirmities, and bore our sicknesses."—*Illustrated Missionary News.*

Reminiscences.

[BY MRS. M. M. H. HILLS.]

(SECOND DECADE OF THE F. B. INDIA MISSION.)

MISS CRAWFORD wrote from Jellasure June 30, 1855: . . . "You closed your letter by saying, 'Take care of your health.' Thank you, I am doing so just now. I came to Jellasure twelve days ago, and find that a little rest has increased my strength, so that I feel much more vigorous than when I left home. During my absence, Brother and Sister Cooley are spending most of the time at Chandipore with the school girls. The sea-bathing is the only attraction I find there, save looking at the sea, and it would be hardly worth while to spend much time there for that. The strong sea wind I never liked, and can only endure it while others enjoy. Brother and Sister Smith and Brother Covil seem to be looking well to the interests of the mission, both here and at Santipore, and the native Christians appear about the same as they did when Brother Phillips was here. Last Friday I went with Brother and Sister Smith to Santipore, and was much pleased with the improvement in the village since my former visit there. Brother Smith preached in Oriya on the Sabbath, and he too had made improvement.

"In regard to Sister — of whom you write, I am glad she has a heart for missionary work, but I would not dare advise her to come unmarried; not that there is not work enough. At Santipore a missionary sister is greatly needed, but would it be proper for any woman to undertake to live there alone with the natives? Where there is a girls' boarding-school, a single woman can find an appropriate field of labor. If she can have a home in a family that will make her at home, all may go on pleasantly till some unexpected event comes to the family, and she be left alone for a year before another family comes to occupy the tenement in which she dwells. Meantime she is exposed to many inconveniences, if not dangers, which are scarcely unavoidable. . . . Situated as I am, you may think it strange that I can write thus. But you know it is a long time since I had a parent to feel for my heart-achings. I have never dared to tell my sisters much beside the brightest side of the picture, lest they should grieve on my account. Then, I flatter myself in the belief that I can endure more than some can. I rather look at the comforts I

have than sigh for those I have not, and certainly, I have many joys. . . .

"A few days ago, Lydia, one of my school girls who was married about a year and a half since, called at my school-room one morning with a child in her arms. 'Look here!' said she, 'I have found this baby! What shall I do with it?' The previous night, a great wedding-party was parading the streets, and Lydia and her husband with others of our people, went to see the brilliant lights and the great display. A child was crying violently, and some of the soldiers called the women to come and take up the babe. It was lying in the dirt nearly naked. Several went at the call, but, on seeing that it was a little girl only a few months old, they said, 'Fie! Fie! Who will touch it?' Lydia saw that no one showed pity, so she took up the little innocent, braving the disapprobation of her husband by so doing. Not succeeding in finding any traces of its parents, the magistrate promised to pay Lydia for nursing it till it was old enough to come into the school. I love the tender-hearted girl who dared to take home the little helpless one better than ever before, and she has long been dear to me." . . .

The rumblings that preceded the great Indian mutiny began to be heard. A letter bearing date July 31, 1855, was received from Rev. B. B. Smith, written from Jellasure, saying :

"There is a great excitement prevailing in this part of India, occasioned by an insurrection among the Santals, near the Rajmahal hills, about one hundred miles north of Calcutta. Some two or three weeks since, a body of Santals amounting to thirty or forty thousand, armed with axes, clubs, and bows with poisoned arrows, came down from the hills killing or putting to flight men, women, and children, plundering and setting fire to villages, and everywhere spreading death and desolation in their train. They seem to have one great object in view, which is to kill all the Europeans they come across, consequently they come down upon those who are engaged on the railroad, kill all they can, and destroy what property they cannot carry off. Some missionaries who were laboring in that direction have been compelled to quit their field and flee for safety. Government is doing all it can to quell the insurrection, but up to the last accounts it was spreading fearfully. Many have been the reports concerning the cause of this rebellion, but the real one has not yet been satisfactorily

ascertained. Some think it is a religious or fanatical movement, while others say it is owing to the oppression of those who have been employed on the railroad. I think there is no doubt that they have been abused by their overseers, but it is doubtful whether this is the real cause of the disturbance.

"It is also reported that the rebels have sent out their emissaries to excite the Santals in our midst to an insurrection, and the officers of government in the Midnapore district are very much alarmed and are taking measures for their public safety.

. . . We are alone, as far as Europeans are concerned, there being no one living this side of Balasore, a distance of thirty miles. After making the most careful inquiries, we hope the Santals in the vicinity of Jellasure will remain quiet, and that we shall be preserved from harm. May the Lord interpose and save us and our dear people in this place."

Rev. Mr. Covil wrote also, about the same date, concerning their jeopardy from this uprising, as follows:

"At Midnapore, forty-seven miles from Jellasure, so much apprehension was felt of a rising in that vicinity, that a requisition having been made for troops, the magistrate replied that, should he send them, the Santals would rise immediately, and rob and plunder the station. . . . You may feel anxious to know what we, at Jellasure, design doing; we can only say that we intend to do our duty, just so far as we can know it; believing this to be, in the strictest sense, the path of safety. It is not our intention to seek security by fleeing from duty; nor would we subject our lives to unnecessary exposure; we hope to do the best we can, trusting ourselves in the hands of that God who sees the sparrows when they fall to the ground. Sister Smith, who is the only European lady within thirty miles, trusts alone in God, and maintains a calmness worthy of that high trust. At present, the Santals here appear quiet, and it is not probable that much of a rising could take place without our being informed of it in time to retreat."

It was subsequently ascertained that the rebel Santals did send emissaries among their tribes near Jellasure and Balasore, and many, especially the government officers, feared that there would be an outbreak among them. Troops were ordered from Cuttack to defend Balasore, and similar aid would, if needed, have been sent to Jellasure. Happily, in the good providence of God, the insurrection was quelled, and, for a time, all was again quiet.

Husbands and Wives in India.

THE life of a native high-caste lady can in no way be compared with that of an English one. In her childhood she sees her father fondling his male children, and knows them to be taken about and loved, while she is kept in her own apartment, shut up almost, excluded from outside society; and this state of nearly total seclusion continues to the end of her days. And he, the husband to whom she is married in perfect ignorance as to what he may prove, considers her, according to a man's own statement, "a nice creature, pleasing at times, but not quite so useful as a horse." A writer, well informed on Indian subjects, says: "A Hindu naturally despises women, and among them no wife ever looks for kindness or even attention from her husband, who disdains even to mention her name, or to permit her to eat until he has entirely finished, although her own male children sit down with him; and so what remains from the children forms the mother's share." Of course the force of circumstances prevents this being carried out in some classes of Hindus—among the low castes, for instance. Yet doubtless the spirit is the same throughout, otherwise the treatment of women would be different. One can easily arrive at a pretty accurate idea of the estimation in which women are invariably held by natives, by noticing how, instead of abusing a man regarding himself, directly to himself, his female relatives are spoken of.

I remember on going first to Calcutta being engaged in business matters with a very clever native gentleman, who can speak and write English as well as I can. From his earliest days he had associated with Europeans, and belongs to the Brahma-Somaj caste. Although this religion rather nearly approaches the Protestant one in the results of its teaching, and notwithstanding that this gentleman understood English customs perfectly well, when in return for his inquiry had I left all my friends in England well, I asked, as would any Englishman, knowing him to be a married man, "Is Mrs. — well"? (apologizing for the English prefix), he answered me very quietly, "Thank you, my family are all well; but be careful in speaking to Bengalis, for any mention of a man's wife to him is a great insult."—*Intelligencer.*

Correspondence.

[FROM MRS. S. P. BACHELER.]

IN THE HOME LAND.

AFTER ten years in India we have come back again to our native land, and there is more of sadness than gladness in it, though we have many kind friends; for we have left the life and joy of our lives behind us. The dear ones with whom and for whom we have lived, loved, labored, wept and rejoiced, are woven and interwoven into the fibres of our souls, and we feel more *with* them now than with the people around us.

The exhausting influence of a long stay in a hot climate, however, warned us unmistakably that if we wanted to work much longer for the dear Master, we must come to a cold, bracing climate and recruit. (May God grant that our stay be only for a time!) As yet we have been able to do but little beyond just "holding our own." Nearly four weeks in a hospitable home in New Jersey did much towards bringing us back to life again, and the lively interest the people in that vicinity have in missions, and the intelligence in regard to their own (Presbyterian), was refreshing. The few ladies' meetings we attended were conducted admirably. It seems to be the custom for two ladies to be appointed at each meeting to take a prominent part in the next one, one lady to "write up a mission, designated, and another to select and read on missions."

We hope as we may get stronger, to have the opportunity to see many of the dear home workers, whose letters and labors of love have heartened us so much, and the children, too, who have helped with their mites, and also who have sent bright pictures, to the great delight of those poor eager children, who seemed to think that the pictures really connected them with the wonderful lands beyond the "black waters," and made our home children to be real live ones, and not myths, like their gods.

We rejoice with great joy that laborers are now on their way, and they will get there none too soon, for the burden-bearers are fainting.

NEW HAMPTON, N. H.

[FROM MRS. D. F. SMITH.]

BUSY DAYS. — FEVER.

Friends at home are saying: "Why do you not write for the *HELPER*?" Will you kindly say to them that I am very busy from morning till night. Many things would be of little interest to write about, and yet they are the "*necessary things*," and must be done. After getting settled down in my new home here, and fairly at work, I find very little time to write. Many dear friends are waiting long for answers to their very kind letters. The Orphanage, Industrial, and outside schools, besides numberless other things, are to be attended to. Then there is the large day school of more than sixty pupils, and the work in the Christian village, and the work of the Bible women, all must be carefully superintended, or the workers get idle — sometimes worse than idle. Many of our women are somewhat like grown-up children, and yet in knowledge and ability far in advance of their heathen sisters. The religion of the Bible has done great things for them, far greater than those who have always lived under its influence can imagine.

Miss Folsom, who had been with me for two and a half years, had greatly assisted me in many ways and endeared herself to many hearts, had an urgent call to join the Canada Baptists in their work in Coconada, and went down about the first of June to see whether or not it would be best to accept the position. Miss Hooper very kindly consented to come here and take charge of the outside schools on the 1st of July. The hot season vacation, which seemed a rest and comfort to me only in this way, that it enabled me to do many things that had not been done before for want of time, in making the home here a little more home-like, and now and then some time given to the beautiful garden dear Miss Crawford loved so well, was passed, and we were nicely settled, each at our own work, when a severe form of malarious fever broke out among the native people and the children in the Orphanage. The first to die was Mardhi, one of my Bible women. She lived only three days, then died, leaving five fatherless children, three of whom were ill with fever. I feel her death very much, for she was not only a good worker, but a great help to me, especially in cases of emergency. She was also one that secured the love and respect of the heathen women among whom she worked in an unusual manner. While her loss to me and the work is very great, that of her family seems irreparable; but death to her is gain — infinite gain.

Then one of my dear little girls was brought to me in the early morning, having had fever during the night. I worked over her much of the time during the day, doing all I knew to do, but in the evening she was not, for God had taken her. It comforts me to feel that she is forever safe in the home of the loving Father. Last Sunday morning a young man who had been connected with the Bible school was borne to his earthly resting-place. Many others have been very ill, and night and day I have been called to see them. Many came very near death after the fever left them, and were kept alive for hours only with the greatest care and watching.

Five days ago dear Miss Hooper was seized with it. The second day there was a slight intermission, and immediately following, very great prostration. I was hourly expecting Miss Phillips from Dantoon, but for four hours it seemed almost impossible to keep her alive. Occasionally her breathing was less labored, and she would beg of me not to try to bring her back to life, saying, "it will be so sweet to go and be saved this dreadful suffering." At this time of writing she is far more comfortable, and we hope will soon recover. I leave it to my friends to imagine the sense of relief the coming of Miss Phillips was to me that day. Since then Mr. Coldren and Ida Phillips have come, and everything we know to do is being done for her. I hope God is putting it into the hearts of our friends just now to pray for us. For almost one month my regular work has been suspended, to care for the sick and dying. Most of the teachers have been ill, and those who worked for me also. Some days I could get almost nothing cooked, except what I was obliged to do for the sick over my little kerosene stove. The young ladies take care of Miss Hooper now, and that gives me time to do many other necessary things. This has been written at odd moments, and in haste. The rain spoils the paper, it lasts so long that the dampness seems to penetrate every drawer and closet. When these long months of rain are past, I think we shall all be glad.

JELLASORE, ORISSA, INDIA.

[FROM MISS COOMBS.]

TO THE BOWDOIN Q. M., WHICH ASSISTS IN HER SUPPORT.

Many thanks for the words of encouragement and sympathy received through your secretary, and as I read the account of Quarterly Meeting, with its different departments of ser-

mons, addresses, prayer-meetings, and the woman's meetings, I was with you in imagination, and knew I was made stronger by your assurances of interest, love, and prayers. Those statistics, too, of fifteen auxiliaries, and \$210 raised in six months mean actions as well as words — little meetings here and there — just a few getting out to them — the faithful hearts planning how they may be bettered — storms hindering — collectors pained that some of the gifts come so slowly — directors of the children's bands put to their wits' ends for some effectual plan of creating and holding an interest — the faithful few at last rewarded and their hearts cheered at the results.

It has always been so, and perhaps always will. The church's work is not done by the mass of the church. The work of our Society is not done by the whole society, and this is no less true of our denomination. Would it were not so, for the workers in this department are *too* few. We feel it *doubly* here, when our eyes search eagerly every week for words of interest in, and assurances of help for, our own mission-field, and sometimes fail for weeks to find any reference thereto. At last we are rejoiced that two are coming to our help, but there is work for ten times that number. I know the treasury is nearly empty and it is an impossibility now, but "these things ought not so to be." Some denominations smaller than ours have missions here and there in other continents, but we have only one. Surely we *are* able to keep that well manned.

Since my last we have gone through the trial of change and separation, and Midnapore is left with only Dr. Phillips in charge, and such help as the women can give him. I suspect if some of our dear sisters were as nearly exhausted as some of these are, they would consider themselves excused from labor. Yet these work on and accomplish a marvelous amount. I am glad I am here with a body not yet weakened by this pitiless climate, and as far as I can, I am willing to help wherever I can. The language is becoming more familiar, and I manage to make myself understood in every-day matters, but cannot venture into the vocabulary of science and philosophy. Some of my mistakes are very ludicrous.

I now have the care of the women's department in the Bible school, which is now held in the school-house near by. By bringing this part of this school over here my zenana teachers have the benefit, as they can go in with the different classes, and have good Bengali teachers. This is really Mrs. Phillips'

work, and she has to settle difficulties and give the general direction, and I have the care in the sense that I call the roll, look up and send for the absent ones, have a general oversight of the classes, and see that their general behavior is good. The most of these students sit on the floor on straw mats; there are a few benches without backs. Several are obliged to bring their babies, and their time is divided between keeping them quiet and desperate efforts to snatch a few minutes with their books and slates. Most of these women assist in some department of work in other parts of the day, the school being in session from two to five o'clock. In writing to me please ask questions, as it makes letter-writing easier.

MIDNAPORE.

[FROM MISS MARY E. BACHELER.]

ACROSS THE WAVE — "OLD NEW HAMPTON."

The 10th of July was an eventful day for us. Early in the morning the crowd which an auction usually gathers began to come into our large mission-yard at Midnapore, and very soon the auctioneer's voice was heard. Mr. Burkholder kindly and efficiently took the business part of the auction in hand.

The next day we had the last dinner with the Phillips family, and after a little good-bye meeting, we went down to the steamer, making on the way good-bye calls on zenana pupils, who were reluctant to have us leave them.

The journey between Midnapore and Calcutta is not very pleasant; for the steamer starts about ten in the evening, and the locks are too near together to allow of much continuous rest. When about a mile and a half from a lock the steamer whistle commences to blow, to warn the "Kha la shi" — lock-opener — to get the gate open. We reached Calcutta the next day at 4 P. M., and during the week of our stay were very pleasantly entertained at the American Mission Home.

A week of rough weather brought us to Ceylon. The day we passed this beautiful island was perfect; the air was fresh and cool; the sky was clear and blue, with here and there dazzling white clouds, and all day long we were passing a beautiful panorama, ever changing, and each change bringing new beauties before our eyes; now of far distant mountain peaks; again of fertile plains, with little villages among the coconut palms.

In the evening, before retiring for the night, we went on deck to have a last look at the Point de Galle light-house, and bid India a regretful good-bye. During the night the wind came up and rolled us uneasily in our berths. The next day, a little after noon, one of our fellow-passengers, a sweet Christian lady, passed to the better land, and in the evening the engines stopped, while she was "put into the sea," as she had expressed it during her illness. Her little seven-year-old son sobbed and cried, and would not be comforted. The two younger children, who had been kept away from her much during her week's illness, did not notice her absence, and could not realize their loss. We did what we could the rest of our voyage to help little Freddie bear his sorrow. He had a Bible lesson daily, and often as we walked the decks together we told him stories; sometimes from the Bible, and sometimes wonderful fairy tales. He learned the 1st Psalm and the 23d, and loved to repeat them.

Another week of rough weather brought us to Aden, where we stopped for coal. We were much interested in the little dark, brown boys, who paddled out to our steamer in tiny canoes, to dive for silver money, which some of the passengers threw into the water, for the fun of seeing the little fellows leap from their canoes and catch it before it reached the bottom. The country, which was volcanic and bare of vegetation, seemed strange and wonderful to us.

The Red Sea is hot, even in winter, and it was doubly so in August; but we soon steamed through it, passing "The Two Brothers," two small, steep-sided islands, on one of which the Egyptian government has built a curiously-shaped light-house, "The Twelve Apostles," a group of volcanic islands, and reached Suez on the 9th of August. Owing to the state of the tide we could not enter the canal till nearly sun-down, and we had not gone far before the darkness came on and the steamer was made fast for the night. We looked longingly at the glimmering lights of Suez, and wished we might go on shore, but the laws of quarantine forbade.

A large steamer, loaded with coal, went aground in the "Bitter Lakes," and we had to wait till the coal was unloaded and the steamer lightened before we could pass on our way. This unloading was very slow; so instead of reaching Port Said Friday evening, it was now Sunday, as we came to anchor in Port Said harbor.

Port Said has grown wonderfully in ten years, and perhaps

in another decade it will be a large city with electric lights, telephones, and other modern improvements.

Long before daylight, Monday morning, we were on our way again, and two weeks of swift steaming through the lovely blue Mediterranean, and the rough and windy Bay of Biscay, brought us to London. During the fortnight we passed Malta, with its quaint stone villages, and wind-mills on rolling hills; Gibraltar, with its famous rock and growing town; the sunny, vine-clad slopes of Spain, and Portugal with its high, rocky cliffs.

The banks of the Thames looked beautiful to our hungry eyes, after thirty-seven days of little but sea, and we were almost sorry when, just before dark, our steamer left the river and entered the docks, where ships with their tall masts shut out the view. As we drew near the last dock we saw the mourning party who had come to meet the motherless children and take them to their new homes.

We were tired and hungry when, late in the evening, we reached our destination, the Waverly Hotel on King Street; this was more like a lodging-house than a hotel. We usually took our meals at the small eating-houses, which are numerous and inexpensive, only sleeping at the hotel.

We had opportunities to hear good Mr. Spurgeon twice, and Dr. Newman Hall once, during our stay in London, and we were impressed, as must be every one who hears them, with the simplicity of their language and the directness of their practical applications.

I will not take time to tell of the many wonders and curiosities we saw in the great city, where we spent ten pleasant days. On the 4th of September we left our pleasant quarters, and were driven to the St. Pancras railroad station — a large, substantial building, beautifully finished — to take the train for Liverpool. We were carried all too swiftly through a garden-like country; neat manufacturing towns; fields with ripening grain; past canals, with quaint boats towed by horses or mules, — in India the boats are towed by men, — and in five hours we reached Liverpool, in the pouring rain. We had been directed to go to the Washington Hotel, which, fortunately for us, was close by. We were very pleasantly received and entertained, and altogether we were much pleased with the kindness and politeness shown us.

Early next morning, in a drizzling rain, we went on board the "City of Rome," the next in size to the "Great Eastern,"

and carrying this voyage *twenty-one hundred* souls, including passengers and ship's company!

After nine long days we reached New York, and were thankful to be safe on land once more.

The first thing that particularly struck us in New York was the number and frequency of the liquor-shops, and we could not but regret that this great, world-wide evil has such a stronghold in this, the largest city in the United States.

As the occupants of the home at New Hampton could not vacate at once, we spent a time with my brother and his wife, who for four years have been missionaries in West Africa, at her father's home in New Jersey. Many and wonderful were the stories we heard of missionary life and work in that far-off land, and curious and strange were the mats, the drums, images, clothes made from the bamboo fibre, ivory from the hippopotamus, and many other things that had been brought from the "Dark Continent."

Pleasant as was our stay with these new friends, we were glad when, our days of waiting over, we said good-bye, and turned our faces homeward. We find that ten years have made many changes in this pretty village; but there were kind neighbors who gave us welcome.

We hope as we gain strength to be able to get to work again, and still be allowed to do something for the Master.

Our Western Trip.

THE interest shown in the work of our Society by the women of the West, at our recent meetings at Minneapolis, gives large promise for its future. The idea so emphatically expressed, "what we need most is to know how to work systematically, and in line with your Society," suggests the one great need of our home mission work in the West.

This was proved to us by the visits to the churches during the brief time that we remained West after the General Conference. A brief recapitulation of these visits is, perhaps, desirable, not only to emphasize the above thought, but to enlighten the many who were desirous that these visits should be made. This will be given in the most familiar manner.

We first visited Champlin, a village on the Mississippi, some miles north of Minneapolis, where the Rev. Mr. McKenney is located. Here we gave a brief address on missions at the close of the sermon on the Sabbath, addressed the Sunday School, talked temperance in the evening, and met the Woman's Missionary Society in special meeting Monday afternoon.

We were more than pleased, we were delighted, with the earnest, intelligent, practical spirit shown by these women in considering this work. The Society has already done good service, but the eager questions asked and the desire shown to clasp firmly the hands of our other workers, give promise of even greater efficiency in future, for added strength always accompanies greater definiteness of purpose.

Our next visit was to Elk River, twelve miles farther up the Mississippi. Here, the Rev. M. H. Tarbox is located, and by laborious and persistent effort has secured for the little church one of the neatest and most pleasant little chapels we ever saw anywhere. Our audiences here were small, but the interest shown by those in attendance made up in quality for lack in quantity. No woman's society exists here, but as we explained the new departure in our Society, by which the women are urged to organize and give their energies in such localities mainly to home mission work, it was felt that such a society would be just the thing to help the struggling interest there, and organization was promised.

At Castle Rock there are two churches, about three miles apart, both under the care of the Rev. J. D. Batson. We addressed an audience at one church, and met a goodly number of women at a residence near the other. The Woman's Missionary Society includes members from both churches, and we found the same earnestness, the same spirit of intelligent inquiry, and the same eager desire to learn about the best methods of work, as above referred to. The opinion was expressed that the information gathered would be a help and inspiration in continuing their work.

The next place visited was Pickwick, a little village romantically located at some distance from the railroad. The people here were in quite a disheartened condition, in consequence of having been so long without a pastor. Their church is in an unfinished condition, and things did not look especially hopeful. In the afternoon we met a good representation of the women of the place. As the result of an

address upon the power and duty of womanhood in Christian work, accompanied with explanation of the work and methods of our Society, a Woman's Missionary Society was organized, composed of ten members, with the hope of adding to the number. We trust that the prophecy of a prominent member, that the organization of this society will give more heart to the people there than anything which has occurred in some time, will prove a true one. In the evening more people gathered than it would be supposed possible could be found in the locality, to listen to an address upon temperance. We shall not soon forget the pleading earnestness of a bright young girl who came to us at the close and said, "Won't you come and talk to us again soon?"

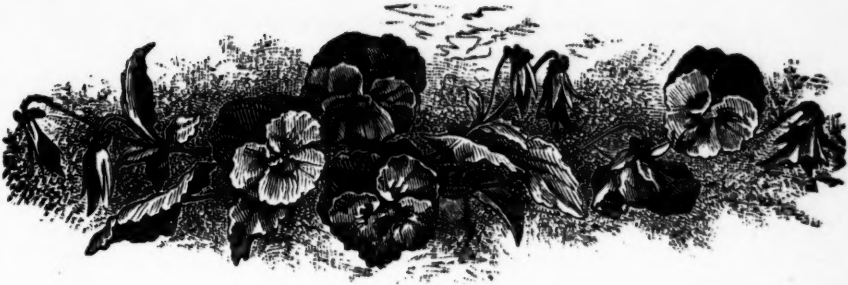
One more visit was made, and that at Mt. Pleasant, Wisconsin. We were much pleased to meet here and hold consultation with Mrs. Washburne, the president of the Wisconsin Y. M. W. M. Society. This state is already better organized than many much farther east, and the prospect is that unless our Eastern states keep pretty busy, it will soon be ahead of them.

We spoke upon missions Sabbath forenoon, gave a brief address in the Sabbath School, and the large audience that came through deep mud and the blackness of the evening to listen to the temperance address, was a rebuke to some people who are in mortal terror of a little cloudiness and mud.

What shall we say of the noble and true women who did so much to help us, and who, by delicate care and attention, "made the rough places smooth?" Words fail to express the appreciation felt for loving services rendered, and we leave hung upon memory's wall the pleasant pictures, while we simply say, God bless the men and women who so kindly aided in carrying out the plan of work by every means in their power.

E. S. BURLINGAME.

HOME SECRETARIES.—The workers will please observe the division of territory among the home secretaries, as indicated in the list of the officers on page 2 of reports. Each secretary will be greatly helped by prompt correspondence and hearty coöperation on the part of her constituency. Let each church have a direct line of communication to the Quarterly Meeting Society, the Q. M. secretary through the Yearly Meeting Society, to the home secretary of the division to which the church, the Q. M. and the Yearly Meeting belong. May there not be a connection so vital between these various parts of our organization, that each member shall feel its influence, and be stimulated thereby?



For the Young People.

A Ride With the Collector.

It was the close of a chilly day in late September, and the mists of a damp evening had settled down, as we gathered around the well-lighted tea-table, when the door-bell was hastily pulled. At the door I encountered the familiar face and voice of the treasurer of our Woman's Missionary Society. "Don't you want to ride with me?" was the abrupt invitation. "I have had no supper yet," I replied; "Besides, with this cough of mine, I dare not go out in the damp air." "Oh come, I want you," was the unmoved response. Our treasurer is a young lady not easily denied; so I went.

Driving on through the dark and damp, I heard my friend's story. It was the night before the time of the remittance for the last quarter of the mission year. She had driven her good pony far and near on missionary errands; in days of sickness and discouragement, and in days of high hopes; sometimes to meet with unexpected success, and sometimes to encounter disappointment. This was her final trip for the year, in which she hoped to pick up the very last dollar which it was possible to obtain within the circuit of her work.

She drew rein first in front of a store on the busy lighted street. "I want *you* to go in there," she explained, as she lifted the reins for me to pass under. Of course I went, meekly. It proved to be a pleasant call. "Would you like to join the Woman's Missionary Society?" I inquired cheerfully of one of the sisters of the firm; "it is only two cents a week, and our treasurer has worked very hard to make out this last remittance of the year." After a few business-like questions

the dollar was placed in my hands. Looking at me — and the dollar — somewhat ruefully as I turned to go, the other sister said, “I have been out on the street all the afternoon collecting bills, and I only succeeded in getting *one dollar*! — and then we all laughed. I wonder if that dollar, so dearly earned and so cheerfully given, will not have a history somewhere in the providence of God. After that we drove on from house to house, on the thresholds of which my missionary friend often stood for a moment illumined by the cheerful lights which stole out of the door from evening lamps and firesides, but out of which there came no dollar to gladden her heart.

As we started out at length on a country road for a suburban residence, we had a little talk. “You have an opportunity to learn considerable about human nature in your work, I should think,” I said. “More than I ever dreamed of!” came the emphatic reply. But my friend was, rightly, very reticent on this subject. It was not for her to betray the weaknesses, or even the generousities of those whom she visited in such a personal private manner. “But I have learned one thing which astonishes me,” she exclaimed; “that all women do not hold a separate purse of their own which they have a right to use as they please for themselves, at least for little every-day necessities and personal benefactions.” “I suppose their husbands are conveniently away with the pocket-book when you call?” I suggested. “No, it is not that, but the principle of the thing is what I look at. I have learned a lesson never to be forgotten.” I think I understood her, but I will not stop to explain it here. “At that little cottage where we last called they give quite cheerfully, do they?” I said. “Always when they have it! I shall get that dollar as soon as they can spare it from their daily earnings. They work hard for what they get, but such give the more liberally and cheerfully, because they have real sympathy for the unfortunate.

Having reached our destination, my friend again intimated that I was to make this call, and I again meekly obeyed. The house looked forebodingly dark, but I boldly pulled the bell several times, producing, however, no effect upon the inmates, if there were any, so we reluctantly turned away to retrace our long, cold drive cityward. We made a number more of calls on our return, my friend driving fearlessly through unfamiliar streets, where I myself would have been

lost many times in the dark. At last she dropped me safe but thoroughly chilled at my own door, and as a reward of our labors we had added to the remittance that *one dollar!* My ardent friend was still quite cheerful, although she had remarked previously, "I cannot understand it! Sometimes it makes me almost doubt the promises of answered prayer. But I know better than *that!*"

Now I was going to add some reflections to this little sketch of the mission collector's experience, but I will leave it for the intelligent reader, and especially for Christian women, to supply a stimulating moral according to their own individual needs. I myself learned a lesson that evening; perhaps some of my readers can guess what it was.—IDA HAZELTON.

VERY IMPORTANT.—Will persons ordering a change in the direction of the magazine, please give both the *old* and the *new* address? In sending for clubs, if the copies have heretofore been sent to one person, and they are to be received by another this year, be *very* sure to state this fact in ordering. If the agent is to receive them herself and distribute them, there is no need of sending the names of the persons who comprise the club.

BOUND VOLUMES.—For the years 1880, 1881 and 1882, the copies, including the report for each year, have been bound in an attractive manner, making a book of over 200 pages. The price has been put at seventy-five cents. In ordering, please be careful to mention which year you prefer. It will make a pleasant and valuable Christmas gift.

DELAY.—The November number was late by fault of the paper manufacturer; the cause of the present one reaching you after you looked for its coming, will be apparent in the addition to it. Does it not prove that "the patient waiter is no loser?" We bespeak a careful study of the reports. Each page means a good deal as it is, and more when read between the lines.

PHOTOGRAPHS of Mr. and Mrs. Griffin are prepared for their friends. They are cabinet size, and the persons are both represented on the same card. Price, forty cents. In same manner can be obtained the pictures of the two little girls whom they took with them. Please send two cents additional for stamp and envelope.

FACTS are the very soundest arguments. The *HELPER* has gained nearly 800 subscribers during the year. It now has 4,314 subscribers, which are distributed as follows: Maine, 994; New Hampshire, 476; Vermont, 179; Massachusetts, 288; Rhode Island, 419; Connecticut, 8; New York, 414; New Jersey, 1; West Virginia, 11; Maryland, 3; Pennsylvania, 84; Ohio, 335; Indiana, 30; Illinois, 75; Iowa, 82; Michigan, 329; Wisconsin, 143; Minnesota, 79; Oregon and Kentucky, 2; Kansas, 16; Nebraska, 14; Dakota, 2; Texas, 1; Missouri, 4; Colorado, 2; California, 4; Arizona, 1; Ontario, 6; Montana, 2; Mississippi, 1; P. Quebec, 16; Nova Scotia, 197; New Brunswick, 73; India, 21; Sweden, 1; Germany, 1.

Words from Home Workers.

MAINE.

The young people of the Main Street Church, Lewiston, have organized a new missionary society, named the *Vina Coombs Mission Band*, in honor of her who so lately left their number for India. They will hold monthly meetings, and quarterly meetings. They hope that the very name of her whose active spirit infused so much enthusiasm into all that she did, will make of them indeed a *live* society, and one whose work shall be worthy of her whose name it bears. H.

VERMONT.

At the October session of the Strafford Quarterly Meeting, which convened at East Randolph, a Q. M. W. M. Society was organized, with the following officers: President, Mrs. A. H. Staples; Vice-Presidents, Mrs. B. P. Parker and Mrs. R. L. D. Preston; Secretary and Treasurer, Miss H. L. Parker. A public meeting was held Saturday evening, which was very interesting. The meeting opened by singing. Prayer was offered by the Rev. B. P. Parker. The president, Mrs. A. H. Staples, made a few remarks and conducted a Bible exercise. The Cheerful Workers, a band of children organized at East Randolph this summer, had been prepared with recitations, dialogues and singing, which they rendered in a pleasing manner, and which added much to the interest of the meeting. At the close a collection was taken amounting to \$3.24, which was appropriated for Mrs. D. F. Smith's support.

HATTIE L. PARKER, *Q. M. Secretary.*

MICHIGAN.

The F. W. B. Woman's Missionary Society of Leslie church, was organized in November, 1882, hence has been in operation one year. Previously nothing of the kind had been done here, save a few having pledged a little for the Rev. Mr. Coldren's support.

The officers are: President, Miss Stella Clickner; Vice-President, Miss Carrie Norton; Secretary, Mrs. A. A. Leach; Treasurer, Miss Ella Stone; Collectors, Miss Addie Norton, Miss Florence Taylor, and Miss Frankie Leach.

We have regular monthly meetings which are very interesting, and two public meetings during the year; the first brought us sixty-six cents, the second \$1.27. Eight copies of the *HELPER* are taken. We have raised \$30.69 during the year. We feel encouraged to work on, and hope for still better results the coming year.

Mrs. A. A. LEACH, *Secretary.*

INDIANA.

Mrs. Vaughn writes by postal card from La Grange, that at the Yearly Meeting held Sept. 1, there was organized a Yearly Meeting Society, and that two agents were appointed to canvass for the *HELPER* throughout its limits. There is expressed the hope to send a largely increased number of subscribers the coming year.

WISCONSIN.

Mt. Pleasant Church, Racine, Wis., has an auxiliary society, which meets once in two weeks. Its object is to work and pray for missions, and to disseminate missionary intelligence. At present the membership is small, but the outlook is hopeful. Mrs. E. S. Burlingame of Providence, R. I., visited us on her way home from Minneapolis, and gave us a stirring address on missions on Sabbath morning and one on temperance in the evening. She has done us much good in awakening an interest in both causes. May she be long spared to work for the Master.

Mrs. F. M. WASHBURN.

OHIO.

As I have never seen any word in the *HELPER* from this part of Ohio, it may cheer some one to know that we are trying to do something to further the cause in this section. Our Q. M. (Meigs) is one of the number composing the Ohio River Yearly Meeting, which accepted dear Nellie Phillips to support. We organized a Q. M. Society two years ago last June, and have held a public meeting at almost all of the Quarterly Meetings since. We have six auxiliaries with a membership of about 130. This may seem a small number in comparison to the membership of the different churches, yet we, who understand the discouragements in the way of organizing, rejoice that there are so many.

At the last session of our Q. M., we held a meeting on Saturday evening, the time allowed us by the Q. M. Conference, at which an interesting programme was carried out. Prayer was offered by the Rev. W. J. Fulton. Reports were given of the work in the auxiliaries. An essay, "What we can do," was presented by Mrs. J. W. Talbot, and another by Mrs. J. C. Giles, with the subject, "What they say." A recitation, "The Harvest," by Miss Daisy Black, and "A Short Sermon," by Arthur Gilmore, and a select reading, "The Missionary Spirit," by Mr. Harley Bolton, comprised the exercises, the influence of which accompanied us to our homes, and I trust into our lives, to help us to greater zeal and devotion.

On Saturday afternoon the annual election of officers was held, when the following officers were elected: President, Miss Malvina Chase; Secretary and Treasurer, Miss Flora A. White.

I cannot refrain from mentioning my home auxiliary at Middleport, which has been organized but a few months. We have a membership of twenty-four, and have remitted \$21 for Miss Phillips' support. We are living, and in our weakness trying to do something for the world's need.

FLORA A. WHITE, *Secretary*.

IOWA.

Our last Q. M. W. M. Society, Sept. 15, was a success. Business was transacted with dispatch, such as electing officers, etc. In the evening an excellent programme was carried out, which had been prepared by the ladies of the Central City church, where the Q. M. (Del. and Clayton) was held. The pastor's wife, Mrs. D. D. Mitchell, read an interesting and instructive essay on Foreign Missions. The collection was over six dollars. The quarter just closed leaves us with seven dollars for foreign missions, and twenty dollars for Iowa State home missions. It is certainly worth while to attempt to do something. MRS. T. B. TRUE.

MINNESOTA.

Mrs. McKenney writes from Champlin: "Our Missionary Meetings are very interesting, with a gradual increase of membership. The ladies turned out generally to hear Mrs. Burlingame talk to us on missions when she was here, and it was a season of interest and profit to us all. I am in hopes before our next Yearly Meeting that the number of auxiliaries will be greatly increased. We are taking twelve copies of the *HELPER* here, but we mean to double the number by January 1st. Pray for us, that we may be successful in all good things."

At the September session of the Hennepin Quarterly Meeting, held at Champlin, the Woman's Mission Society held a public meeting at the church Saturday evening, the 22d. The Scriptures were read by the president, Mrs. Croswell, prayer was offered by the Rev. C. E. Blake, of Maine. Reports from the Minneapolis and Champlin auxiliary societies were read by the Q. M. secretary, Mrs. M. S. Herrick. The election of officers resulted in the choice of Mrs. A. A. McKenney, of Champlin, for president, and Mrs. J. D. Batson, of Castle Rock, for secretary. The exercises of the evening consisted of a reading by Mrs. Gammon; a recitation by Miss Nora Herrick, a reading, "The Bengalese Widow," by Miss Stella McKenney; an essay, "Woman's Home Mission," by Mrs. McKenney; and an interesting talk on Zenanas, by the Rev. B. F. McKenney.

D. L. Herrick said that since the death of his wife he had continued paying her dues to the Mission Society in which she was much interested, and also takes the *HELPER*. In response to this expression of tender regard, the president fittingly said that she hoped we all might so live that our influence would continue to live after we had passed away. A collection was taken amounting to \$8.29.

MRS. D. M. GAMMON.

ILLINOIS.

Mrs. Dinsmore, of Troy Grove, says: "Our new society is doing well. The ladies are all feeling interested. We meet every Saturday afternoon. Pray for us, that we may be the means of leading some to Christ through our influence."

Topic for Monthly Meeting.

"And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people."—LUKE II., 10.

"For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: And the government shall be upon his shoulder."—ISAIAH IX., 6.

"Sovereign of souls! Thou Prince of Peace!
O may Thy gentle reign increase!
Throw wide the door, each willing mind,
And be His empire all mankind."



Children's Niche.

Mission Band Hymns.

No. 6.

AIR — "He leadeth me."

HELP us 'mid life's wild waves to shine
Bright light-house lamps o'er rock and
brine,
To guide the wand'ers on that sea
To a safe harbor, Lord, in thee.

Refrain: —

To shine for thee, to shine for thee,
Help us, O Lord to shine for thee.
Lights in the world we fain would be,
Help us, O Lord, to shine for thee.

Help us on time's dark hills to blaze
Strong beacon-fires with steadfast rays,
To lead the lost and erring right,
To urge the lingering to the fight.

Refrain.

Help us on every darksome way
To hold the gathering shades at bay,
Like sunbeams clear, to light the road
That leads to happiness and God.

Refrain.

Help us, O God, each in his place,
Fed by the sacred oil of grace,
Like temple lamps forever bright,
To burn before thee day and night.

Refrain.

— *Selected.*

A Visit to a Market.

MISS BACHELER thus pleasantly describes a visit to a market, made in one of her out trips, but there are shades of sadness toward the close. Alcohol is a poison in India, as well as in this country.

"I wish you could have gone to the market with us ; you would have been interested in it. The market-ground was the wide red road, and a little space on the other side set apart for the market, and dotted here and there with little sheds, just a little bit of thatch roof supported by bamboos.

Along the sides of the road men and women squatted, with their wares before them, baskets, vegetables, cheap jewelry, etc., and in the sheds cloth merchants were selling their wares. Down the grassy slope, at one side of the road, we saw a number of Santal women with mats for sale, and we bought two of them. They are woven of date-palm leaves, in strips about three inches wide, and then they are joined together so nicely that you have to look to find where. A little way from the road, under a wide-spreading tree, we found the earthen-ware, all of it round and red and brittle. There were cooking vessels, called '*handies*,' and holding from three to twenty quarts; vessels for drawing water, called '*kolsies*,' holding from eight to twelve quarts; big dishes like wash-bowls; small dishes like plates, and other things. The *kolsies* are shaped like the water-pots you see in Oriental pictures — round, with a 'turn-down collar,' as it were, at the opening. A *handi* is much the same, only the opening is larger, and has less of the 'turn-down collar.' It is needed on the *kolsies* to hold the rope, when they are let down into a well to draw water. The market was interesting, but the sun was hot, so we didn't stay a great while.

"In the afternoon, near sundown, I went out to gather grasses, and on my way home had to pass a little out-stall, near the bungalow where we were. It would have made your heart ache to see what I saw. The crowd of happy Santals whom we had seen at noon so innocent and merry, had, a part of it, come here to get drunk. Men, women, and children were drinking together, and the air was filled with the smell of the poison, sold at an anna (three cents) a bottle. It was a sad, sad sight. We do not feel so badly to see the lower class of Bengalis drunk, because not so much is expected of them; but the Santals are different, so much more honest and straightforward, and so capable of much good that it saddens us to see them giving way to bad influences, and ruining themselves."

THE Editor has tried all through the long year to give you, dear young readers, the sweetest verses and the most interesting reading she could find. The pages for the "Niche" are not many, but they are yours. Will you not help send us a thousand new subscribers for 1884?

For Children's Meetings.

REVIEW.



SINGING, "When He Cometh."

Repeat the Lord's Prayer in concert.

Singing—"Seeking to Save."

Bible Reading. Topic: The Master's Message.

Question. Leader, "What saith my Lord unto his servant." Jos.

v., 14.

Answer. 1. John iv., 38. 2. Matt. ix., 37, 38. 3. 1 Chron. xvi., 24. 4. Mark xvi., 15. 5. Matt. xviii., 11.

What is the Promise?

Answer. 1. Luke ii., 10. 2. Luke i., 78, 79. 3. Matt. xviii., 20. 4. Ex. iii.,

12. 5. 2 Cor. ix., 12. 6. John iv., 36. What the Response?

Answer. 1. Jos. i., 16. 2. Is. vi., 8. 3. Jer. i., 6, 7. 4. Luke vii., 40. 5. John xi., 28, 29. 6. Hab. ii., 1.

Leader. Blessed, etc. Prov. viii., 34. All repeat Rev. xxii., 17.

Leader. Ecc. ix., 10. Prayer.

Singing—"I love to tell the story." Review of the lessons for the year.

Singing—"Work, for the night is coming." Collection.

Prayer.

Contributions

FROM OCTOBER 1, 1883, TO NOVEMBER 1, 1883.

Blessed is he that considereth the poor; the Lord will deliver him in time of trouble.—*Psalms xli., 1.*

MAINE.

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| Atkinson, Mrs. A. H. Page, \$2.25. | |
| Mrs. J. Lyford, 25c..... | \$2 50 |
| Burnham, Miss Augusta Dodge... | 1 00 |
| Corinna, Auxiliary..... | 3 75 |
| Dexter, Auxiliary..... | 4 75 |
| Doughty's Falls, Aux., for F. M.. | 4 00 |
| Ellsworth, Auxiliary, for Carrie, | |
| \$6.25, for general work \$3.25, | |
| and towards constituting Mrs. | |
| N. E. Burrell L. M..... | 9 50 |
| Fort Fairfield, Mrs. J. W. Carr.. | 1 00 |
| Green, Auxiliary..... | 5 00 |
| Lewiston, Main St., Auxiliary, \$2 | |
| of which for Incidental Fund. | 23 00 |
| Lisbon Falls, Auxiliary, for Miss | |
| Coombs' support..... | 30 00 |
| Lynn, Auxiliary..... | 6 00 |
| Milton and Acton, Auxiliary, for | |
| Incidental Fund..... | 2 00 |
| Portland, Auxiliary, for Miss Mary | |
| Bachelor's support..... | 5 00 |
| Auxiliary, three S. S. classes, | |
| to support a boy Industrial | |
| school..... | 6 00 |
| Rockland, Auxiliary, for native | |
| teacher, and with \$20.00 last | |
| sent to constitute Miss Maggie | |
| Bucklin L. M..... | 10 00 |

NEW HAMPSHIRE.

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|-----------------------------------|-------|
| Candia, Auxiliary, for Mrs. D. F. | |
| Smith, \$5.00, and for general | |
| work, \$5.00, and toward con- | |
| stituting Mrs. K. J. Rich L. M. | 10 00 |
| Laconia, Auxiliary, toward con- | |
| stituting Mrs. A. C. Leavett | |
| L. M..... | 10 00 |

VERMONT.

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|------------------------------------|------|
| East Orange, Auxiliary, for F. M. | 4 00 |
| So. Strafford, Auxiliary, for Har- | |
| per's Ferry..... | 6 50 |

MICHIGAN.

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|---------------------------------|-------|
| Calhoun and North Branch Q. M., | |
| for F. M..... | 20 00 |
| Hillsdale, Auxiliary, for F. M. | |
| \$11.00, for H. M. \$11.00..... | 22 00 |

DAKOTA TERRITORY.

| | |
|---------------------------|----------|
| Frankfort, Auxiliary..... | 1 30 |
| Total..... | \$187 30 |

MISS L. A. DEMERITTE, *Treas.*,
per MRS. M. S. WATERMAN,

DOVER, N. H. *Assistant Treas.*

CENTRAL ASSOCIATION.

Receipts for October, 1883.

| | <i>F. M.</i> | <i>H. M.</i> | <i>Ed. Soc.</i> |
|------------|--------------|--------------|-----------------|
| Total..... | \$420 87 | \$801 20 | \$14 25 |

J. C. STEELE, Treas., Dale, Wy. Co., N. Y.

BENEVOLENT SOCIETIES.

Receipts for October.

| | <i>F. M.</i> | <i>H. M.</i> | <i>Ed. Soc.</i> |
|-----------------|--------------|--------------|-----------------|
| Aggregate | \$713 92 | \$100 85 | \$52 13 |

E. N. FERNALD, Lewiston, Me., Sept. 28, 1883.

Treasurer's Report for the Year Ending September, 1883.

THE FREE BAPTIST WOMAN'S F. M. SOCIETY OF NOVA SCOTIA.

| | | | |
|--|----------|---|----------|
| DISTRICT NO. 1. Miss Susie Smith, Secretary. | | Yarmouth Juvenile .. | 3 45 |
| Halifax, Miss Francis, \$1.00, Miss Ingalls, \$1.00..... | \$2 00 | Beaver River..... | 9 75 |
| Harmony..... | 8 60 | Beaver River Juvenile..... | 7 12 |
| Harmony Band of Willing Workers..... | 40 00 | Little River..... | 10 50 |
| Mrs. James E. Cushing, for native teacher..... | 25 00 | Little River Mission Band, for chapel at Balasore..... | 8 00 |
| Mr. and Mrs. Jas. E. Cushing, for Bible School Hall in India.... | 50 00 | Kempt..... | 3 75 |
| | \$125 60 | Carleton Juvenile..... | 2 50 |
| DISTRICT NO. 3. Mrs. F. Babcock, Secretary | 40 00 | Plymouth..... | 5 25 |
| DISTRICT NO. 4. Mrs. R. H. Crowell, Secretary. | | Session Hill..... | 5 25 |
| Barrington..... | \$42 25 | Short Beach..... | 7 86 |
| Barrington Sabbath School..... | 19 29 | Brooklyn..... | 3 97 |
| Collection Thanksgiving Day.... | 3 72 | Tusket..... | 5 64 |
| Miss L. Atkins, for Mrs. Burkholder's Industrial School.... | 5 00 | Ohio, Mrs. Tedford..... | 1 00 |
| Mrs. R. H. Crowell, for Mrs. Burkholder's Industr'l School | 5 00 | Deerfield, Mrs. Joseph H. Porter. | 1 00 |
| Mrs. Cove..... | 6 73 | Miss Eudora Hilton, for native teacher..... | 5 00 |
| Bear Point..... | 5 35 | | \$95 94 |
| Shag Harbor..... | 6 50 | DISTRICT NO. 6. Mrs. N. McGray, Secretary. | |
| East Pubnico..... | 16 00 | Centerville, Cape Sable Island.... | \$32 23 |
| West Pubnico..... | 22 30 | Collections..... | 10 25 |
| Central and Lower Argyle..... | 10 25 | Centerville Band of Willing Helpers, for Bible School Hall in India, \$5.00, Balasore Chapel, \$5.00, Jellasure Orphanage, \$3, Painting "Myrtle" Hall, Harper's Ferry, \$5.00..... | 18 00 |
| Glenwood, Mrs. Mary E. Roberts | 1 00 | Clarke's Harbor | 26 67 |
| Glenwood, collection..... | 1 83 | Clarke's Harbor, collection.... | 6 00 |
| Glenwood Sabbath School..... | 1 80 | | \$93 15 |
| Port La Tour..... | 9 30 | Collec'n at public meeting, Kemptville..... | 15 09 |
| Port La Tour, collection..... | 2 00 | Received from ex-treasurer..... | 2 00 |
| Lockport, per Mrs. Ross Hammond..... | 17 50 | | \$17 09 |
| | \$175 82 | Total..... | \$547 60 |
| DISTRICT NO. 5. Miss May Hilton, Secretary. | | Mrs. R. H. CROWELL, Treas. | |
| Yarmouth..... | \$15 00 | | |

[SUPPLEMENT TO MISSIONARY HELPER.]

TENTH ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

FREE BAPTIST

Woman's Missionary Society.

PRESENTED AT ITS

ANNUAL MEETING,

AT MINNEAPOLIS, MINN., OCTOBER, 1883.

PROVIDENCE:

J. A. & R. A. REID, PRINTERS.

1883.

OFFICERS

OF THE

Free Baptist Woman's Missionary Society.

PRESIDENT.

Mrs. E. S. BURLINGAME.

VICE-PRESIDENTS.

These are the Presidents of the Yearly Meeting Societies.

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Mrs. J. A. LOWELL, Danville, N. H.

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Mrs. V. G. Ramsey, No. Berwick, Me., for New England States; Miss Anna P. Stockwell, Cleveland, Ohio, for Central and Ontario Associations, Ohio and Michigan; Mrs. H. J. G. Crosswell, 1301 Fifth St. South E., Minneapolis, Minnesota, for Western and Southern States.

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Mrs. J. L. TOURTELLOT, 95 Messer St., Providence, R. I.

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ASSISTANT TREASURER.

Mrs. G. C. WATERMAN, Dover, N. H.

AUDITOR.

Mrs. E. B. CHAMBERLIN.

BOARD OF MANAGERS.

Mrs. M. M. H. Hills, Mrs. A. C. Hayes, Mrs. W. H. Bowen, Mrs. J. B. Davis, Mrs. J. M. Brewster, Mrs. E. W. Page, Mrs. E. W. Porter, Mrs. M. R. Wade, Mrs. N. C. Brackett, Mrs. O. H. True, Mrs. M. A. W. Bachelor, Mrs. H. C. Keith, Mrs. Nellie Dunn Gates.

DISTRICT SECRETARIES.

Under the new constitution the office of District Secretary is supplied by Presidents of the Yearly Meetings.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

Bureau of Intelligence.

Miss Kate J. Anthony, 40 Summer St., Providence, R. I.; Miss M. M. Bisbee, 1 Kendall St., Providence, R. I.

Publication Committee.

Mrs. M. N. Davison, Mrs. E. W. Porter, Mrs. A. R. Bradbury, Mrs. H. K. Clark, Mrs. E. H. Andrews, Mrs. J. T. Ward, Mrs. D. A. Arnold.

Advisory Committee. (In India.)

Miss Ida O. Phillips, Miss H. P. Phillips, Mrs. D. F. Smith, Miss L. C. Coombs.

Tenth Annual Meeting.

Minutes.

THE Society convened in accordance with the call of the secretary, in the vestry of the Free Baptist Church in Minneapolis, Minnesota, Oct. 5, 1883, at 10 o'clock, A. M. The president, Mrs. E. S. Burlingame occupied the chair, and presided over the subsequent meetings of the Society.

The session was opened with singing "I need Thee every hour," and prayer by Mrs. L. C. Griffin.

A request, from ladies not able to be present on account of the inclemency of the weather, to adjourn was considered, and it was decided to give attention to some matters of detail, deferring business of more general interest until some future meeting. The records for the year of the Society, as formerly organized, were read and approved.

The reading of the reports of the home and corresponding secretaries and of the treasurer having been presented to the Board, was deferred till the anniversary meeting.

The minutes of the meetings of the Board of Managers were read and approved. A committee of seven on nomination of officers was appointed by the Chair, consisting of Mrs. Wade, of Maine; Mrs. Winsor, of Michigan; Mrs. Keith, of Minnesota; Mrs. Ward, of Rhode Island; Mrs. Whitney, of Pennsylvania; Mrs. Waterman, of New Hampshire, and Mrs. Smith, of Nebraska. Adjournment was then made till four o'clock in the afternoon, for the purpose of holding a social missionary experience-meeting. This interesting session was opened with singing the hymn, "Nearer my God to Thee." Prayer was offered by Mrs. S. F. Smith, a pioneer worker in Nebraska. Mrs. Griffin, Mrs. Brewster, and Mrs. Leighton were appointed a committee to consider as to the best division of the work of the home secretaries. The meeting then took on a somewhat informal character, freedom of expression was solicited from all, and many brought in their tithes of experience. The question which from its importance took precedence in this and several subsequent meetings was, Home Missions in the West, and the relation of societies in the West to this Society. A committee of thirteen, one from each state represented, was appointed to especially consider these questions. Adjourned, to meet Monday afternoon at four o'clock.

Anniversary Exercises.

The anniversary was observed by exercises in the audience-room of the church on Saturday evening, Mrs. Burlingame conducting them. The devotional service consisted of the singing of the hymn, "To the work," and the repeating of the Lord's Prayer by the united voice of the audience, followed by singing "I will sing of my Redeemer." Abstracts from the corresponding secretary's report were read by Mrs. Brewster. Miss L. A. De Merritte, the treasurer, presented her report. In the absence of Mrs. V. G. Ramsey, the reports of the home secretaries were read by Mrs. D. W. C. Durgin, of Hillsdale, Mich. Each bore cheering intelligence of progress made, and were messages of encouragement to larger faith for the future. The historical paper prepared and presented by Mrs. G. C. Waterman gave a review of the ten years of labor and success of the organization.

Mrs. L. C. Griffin, who has since set sail for India, was then introduced. Her ever cheerful face bore no hint of a sense of great sacrifices, but rather of fullness of joy in the privileges granted her. She gave a graphic description of a day's work of a missionary who was filling the several offices of housekeeper, teacher, superintendent of other teachers, and at the same time prosecuting the study of Bengalee in the higher branches. The audience evinced the deepest interest by the close attention they gave to her remarks, which she closed by citing a touching experience from her own life, and the appeal, "Shall these burdens be equally borne?"

The president briefly addressed the assembly, urging the desirability of more complete organization and individual responsibility. A collection, taken for incidental expenses, amounted to \$34. The exercises were closed by singing the doxology, and the benediction pronounced by the Rev. A. H. Morrell, of Rhode Island.

Adjourned Meetings.

The first of these after the social meeting was called to order according to adjournment, and four of these were afterward held. Mrs. McKenney, of Minnesota, offered prayer. The records of the chartered society since its organization were read, corrected, and approved. The report of the pub-

lication committee was presented by Mrs. A. R. Bradbury, a member of the committee, and was accepted.

The agent of the MISSIONARY HELPER gave a detailed report of its finances, which was accepted. The report of the nominating committee was presented and officers elected for the ensuing year, as seen on page 2 of report. Letters of greeting were read, the sentiments of which were responded to by the president.

The recommendations of the home mission committee were presented, and after the report of the special committee was received, they were discussed, and with additional ones adopted, as follows :

First—That a standing committee of five be appointed for the coming year, who shall have in charge our home mission work.

Second—That systematic efforts be made to assist mission schools in the West, with Sabbath School books and Sabbath School papers.

Third—That boxes of clothing be forwarded only by especial advice of the committee having the matter in charge.

Fourth—That the board be instructed to appropriate \$200 for missionary and evangelistic work in the West, and that this fund be put into the hands of the home mission committee, with the following instructions :

That as far as possible a woman may be secured for each Y. M. west of Ohio, whose work shall be to organize woman's societies and do evangelistic work in churches in need of such labor.

Fifth—That the expenses of these women shall be met by collections as far as possible, and all additional expense be met from the appropriation to be made by the board.

Sixth—That the selection of these women be made by the home mission committee, in consultation with the Western home secretary, and all matters of expense be adjusted by the committee.

At this stage of the meeting Dr. Durgin entered and announced the fact that the General Conference had recommended the election of women as members of the Foreign Mission Board. It was unanimously voted that we tender to the General Conference an expression of our appreciation of its recognition of woman and woman's work.

By vote, all presidents of Y. M. societies now existing,

or that shall be organized auxiliary to this Society during the year, are elected its vice-presidents.

Mrs. A. R. Bradbury was requested to send a letter of greeting to Mrs. M. M. H. Hills, whose absence was the occasion of deep regret.

The Editor of the MISSIONARY HELPER presented her report, which was accepted. A committee, consisting of Mrs. Brewster, Mrs. Burlingame, and Mrs. Griffin, was appointed to prepare a petition concerning child-marriage in India, to present to the General Conference, requesting its coöperation with us in presenting the same to Her Majesty, Queen Victoria of England.

The committee on nominating a Home Mission committee gave their report, and a committee was appointed as follows: Mrs. J. L. Tourtellot, of Rhode Island; Mrs. H. C. Keith, of Minnesota; Mrs. Slayton, of Nebraska; Mrs. Copp, of Michigan; Mrs. C. L. Russell, of Minnesota.

The report of the committee on nominating home secretaries was received, and resulted in the election of three, as seen on page 2 of report.

Mrs. Waterman presented the following resolution:

Whereas, Miss Laura A. DeMeritte has served this society as treasurer for ten years with great zeal and fidelity, therefore,

Resolved, That we hereby most heartily thank her for her untiring labor, her watchful care, and her continued adherence to her convictions of right.

Resolved, That this resolution be entered upon the records of this Society, and a copy be presented to Miss DeMeritte. This was accorded in by a rising and unanimous vote.

Voted, That a circular setting forth the plan for Western work be issued by our president at as early a day as possible, and circulated by home secretaries, Western home mission committee, and in any other way practicable, and the expense of the same be paid by the treasurer from the Incidental Fund.

Voted, That a thirty-two page report be printed supplemental to the HELPER, under the care of the publication committee.

The session was closed by singing "Praise God, from whom all blessings flow."

Adjourned.

A. B. TOURTELLOT, *Rec. Sec.*

Report of Foreign Secretary.

TEN years! How short a period, and yet how long. Short in the retrospect, as we consider the swift, silent march of the days, weeks, months, and years, with

"Never a break in their running thread,
Never a pause in their solemn tread."

Long in the multiplicity of events that have marked this decade, the numberless acts that have filled up these years. Long, as we get a bird's-eye view of the work accomplished in the world's wide fields, and think how, step by step, overcoming first one obstacle and then another, the toilers in those fields, through summer's heat and winter's cold, have steadily pursued their onward way.

Of what has been done in our own little corner of the Master's vineyard during this first decade of our existence as a missionary society, another will speak. Of the work of this decennial year only, is it the province of your secretary to report.

WORK IN INDIA.

MIDNAPORE — RAGGED AND INDUSTRIAL SCHOOLS.

Under date of July, Mrs. J. L. Phillips writes: "To our Father be all the praise for this blessed year. Would that the work had been better done, but the consciousness of having tried is very precious. Who shall tell whether this or that shall bear the golden fruit in the coming years? Surely we have been permitted to sow beside many waters. Miss Millar's coming to us in our extremity was a great blessing, and we could but feel that she was sent by Him who knew our great need. It was a special mark of the Divine approval of this work, and we were also led to feel how easily He could call in new workers, though we all fail. We have been able to keep up fifteen schools all the year, and a part of the time eighteen. These, Miss Millar and I have taken care of. Miss Hooper has had nine, aside from these. Many a bright high-caste little girl has crept into these Ragged Schools, and many a little bride gone out to come in no more, with the ability to read and a desire for more knowledge.

"The Industrial has been far more satisfactory than before, and now numbers seventy-five. All this work has been supported by the Woman's Society, assisted by a government grant and donations. Two hundred and twenty-five dollars from your board has been expended in the Ragged Schools, and \$150 in the Industrial. We cannot be sufficiently grateful to those who have sent money for our school-house, which is being rapidly finished.

"Never have we been so hopeful and anxious to press forward with this blessed work as now. And we beg the Board to send us, the coming year, all they possibly can. Do not make the appropriation any smaller, but increase it if possible. Remembering so vividly the generous interest you have taken in the poor children, I have the restful assurance you will do all in your power. This work is yours, and it will go on. Yes! go on more efficiently, I hope and pray."

BALASORE — ZENANA WORK AND SCHOOLS.

Miss Hattie Phillips writes: "Since coming to Balasore I have shared my sister Ida's work, and taken in a little that was Mrs. Marshall's, which Mrs. Coldren does not yet feel prepared to undertake.

"The expenses of the zenana department, in the one direction of vehicles, have of necessity been very heavy this year; so notwithstanding my having added \$100 to the revenues of the department for the year, — I have as yet been here but six months, — we have not had funds to increase our work to any considerable extent. As it is, however, we are employing nearly every woman among our people who is both suitable and available. In addition, there are three heathen pundits employed, and should we increase our work, it must be by making use of the same kind of material.

"There is one item I might add, which I am sure my sister will not include in her financial report. It is a donation of \$100 from some of my old pupils and personal friends in Chicago, mostly outside the denomination. This was contributed for a special purpose, but has not yet been invested."

FUNDS RECEIVED AND EXPENDED FROM MARCH 31, 1882, TO MARCH 31, 1883.

| Dr. | Rs. | Ans. | P. | Cr. | Rs. | Ans. | P. |
|--|-----|------|----|---------------------------------------|-----|------|----|
| To cash toward support of two mission wards... | 7 | 14 | 0 | By balance in hand | 10 | 11 | 0 |
| " Medicine for girls, | 1 | | | " Cash from Ladies' Society | 242 | 2 | 3 |
| " Pundit " " | 3 | | | | | | |
| Salary of teacher | 52 | 4 | | | | | |
| Assistant | 7 | 8 | | | | | |
| Syce | 13 | | | | | | |
| Repairs on zenana carriage | 125 | | | | | | |
| Cash toward house for orphans. | 43 | 3 | 3 | | | | |
| | 251 | 13 | 3 | | 252 | 13 | 3 |

REPORT OF BALASORE ZENANAS AND SCHOOLS FOR 1882 AND 1883,
UP TO JUNE 30 — MISS IDA O. PHILLIPS.

With reference to attendance, etc :

| | |
|--|-----|
| No of pupils in schools. | 156 |
| No of pupils in zenanas .. | 77 |
| No. of teachers | 18 |
| No. of schools | 9 |
| No. of school-houses. | 3 |
| No. of " " needed | 2 |
| Total | 233 |
| Of these there are boys in schools | 13 |

As to religion, there are :

| | |
|-------------------|-----|
| Hindus | 215 |
| Mohammedans | 18 |

"Studies as follows: All are in either Oriya or Bengali. Reading, spelling, writing, simple arithmetic, sanitary primer, Orissa history and Bible history. Besides these, sewing, knitting, and worsted work are taught in zenanas and some of the schools. There is one school of somewhat higher grade than the others, where, in addition to the above studies, geography, grammar, more advanced arithmetic and science primer are taught.

"Besides the pupils above mentioned, there are six pupils in a normal class. These have all the above mentioned studies, besides higher arithmetic, theory of teaching, needle-work, and a course in the Bible."

FINANCIAL REPORT.

| | DR. | | | CR. | | |
|----------------------------------|------|----|----|------|----|----|
| | Rs. | A. | P. | Rs. | A. | P. |
| By Government Grant. | | | | 990 | | |
| " Ladies' Appropriations..... | | | | 1102 | 7 | |
| " Mission Committee..... | | | | 108 | | |
| " Special Donations | | | | 378 | 12 | |
| " Wool | | | | 113 | 3 | 1 |
| " Books | | | | 35 | 9 | |
| To Teachers | 1953 | 12 | 2 | 15 | | 1 |
| " Conveyances | 702 | 15 | 3 | | | |
| " Buildings | 78 | 6 | | | | |
| " Books | 89 | 15 | 1 | | | |
| " Prizes | 23 | 10 | 1 | | | |
| " Wool | 92 | 8 | 3 | | | |
| By Sundries | | | | 23 | 1 | 2 |
| " Balance of former account..... | | | | 41 | 14 | 1 |
| Deficit of account debt | 2941 | 4 | 2 | 2702 | 15 | 2 |
| | | | | 148 | 5 | 2 |
| | 2941 | 4 | 2 | 2941 | 4 | 2 |

JELLASORE — THE ORPHANAGE.

Mrs. Smith reports: "It pleased God, through your Society, to bring about my appointment here. Not only that, but to give me a recognized place in our mission. I have to thank you for this, and also the parent board for acquiescing in your decision. Since April 1, some changes have occurred in the Orphanage and day school. Two girls have been admitted. One, a younger sister of Emily Hampton, about twelve years of age, is a very promising girl. Her father died recently, and left the mother too poor to properly care for her daughter. The other is a little Santal girl about six years old. Her father is dead, and the mother quite unfit to have the care of girls. For this child I have as yet no assured means of support. Another most painful change has occurred. I have been obliged to dismiss the oldest girl from school, expel,—I should have said, but that word hurts me.

"The educational and industrial departments comprise the children from the Orphanage, the Christian village, and such as like to come from heathen villages near by. The whole number on the roll is sixty-three. There are two pundits, and one woman in charge of the vernacular classes. I have two classes in English, and Miss Hooper has kindly consented to take one. The early morning hours I must have to look after the compound, Christian village, etc. At nine I begin my school work, which continues till nearly twelve, commencing again at three, and I send the last class off at half-past five in the evening. The hours from twelve to three are for writing, keeping accounts, etc., but are frequently interrupted.

"The Industrial is more fully organized, and embraces several kinds of work, of which sewing and knitting are the principal. I found in the Christian village several young lads whose parents were too poor to keep them in school. There was a nice plat of land in the compound, where a good garden could be made. The vegetables for the Orphanage were bought at the markets and bazars. It seemed to me if I could, by hiring a gardener, raise the vegetables for the school, it would be better, provided it could be done as cheaply. This I resolved to settle by experiment.

"The garden was commenced in February, and now provides sufficient for the school. When the debt is paid we

shall do better. There are now four boys connected with the Industrial to whom help is given, and four others learning to sew. All are in school part of the day, and one preparing for the primary examination.

"You will readily see that these things require constant oversight, and take time and strength; but I have a faithful man in the garden, and another to prepare the work in the sewing classes and teach the little boys to sew. There are three large classes of girls that I am obliged to look after entirely now; but after October I hope to secure the services of a woman to attend to the details of work in these classes. The funds you send are a very great help in this work.

"I was very, very sorry to lose Miss Folsom, but Miss Hooper has kindly consented to come and live with me, and assume the care of all the teachers in the outside schools, with one exception, bringing her funds with her to support them. This enables me to carry on the Industrial and other work from my working funds, and thus I can supply myself with help that otherwise I could not do. The religious interest in the school is in many respects encouraging. Three persons of very respectable families have broken caste, and seem to be sincere learners in the school of Christ.

"My financial report does not include my salary, only working funds and expenditures. The Industrial was not fully organized till the first of July."

FINANCIAL REPORT OF MRS. D. F. SMITH.

| 1883. | | DR. | | | CR. | | |
|-----------|---|-----|----|----|-----|----|----|
| | | Rs. | A. | P. | Rs. | A. | P. |
| Jan. | By teacher for eight months | | | | 233 | 14 | |
| | " Books and papers | | | | 22 | | 3 |
| | " Repairs and rent on school-houses | | | | 9 | 8 | |
| | " Prizes to small children | | | | 14 | 4 | |
| | " Incidentals | | | | | 14 | |
| | " Superintendence of outside schools and help in Industrial | | | | 60 | | |
| Feb. 16. | To cash through Miss Phillips | 110 | 15 | 9 | | | |
| " 17. | " " Treasurer | 98 | 7 | | | | |
| April 12. | " " for prizes received here | 14 | 8 | | | | |
| | " " through Treasurer | 125 | 14 | 2 | | | |
| | " " for Pohee Dales' school, through F. M. Board | 17 | 9 | 6 | | | |
| | " Books | | 5 | 6 | | | |
| June 30. | By balance | | | | 35 | 9 | 8 |
| | | 376 | 1 | 11 | 376 | 1 | 11 |

BHIMPORE.

FROM THE REPORT OF MRS. BURKHOLDER.

"There are now three schools taught by our Christian women in villages two or three miles from us. Two others go as assistants. Aside from these, one visits from house to house, instructing the women of our village, while still another is employed in our girls' Industrial.

"While the number of our village schools has decreased, our Industrial has grown much larger. We consider it a more profitable expenditure of funds to make the most of this department where we have the children under our eye, and can have a greater hold on them than we have on those living at a distance.

"It is slow work clearing away the jungle and preparing the new ground for the seed, but by and by, when the showers fall and water the earth, and the sun smiles upon us, the fruit must appear, for the Lord of the harvest has spoken it."

THE FREEDMEN — HARPER'S FERRY, WEST VA.

MRS. BRACKETT'S REPORT.

"My report must be much the same as usual. No retrograde I hope, but I fear not much advancement. If, as has been spoken of, a certain church sends us a missionary for a few months, for our sewing department, we shall hope to report next time that our girls have been instructed in cutting and making all the garments that are needed in a family. Thus far, except a little in dress-cutting, our instruction has been mostly confined to the use of the needle, making a specialty of button-holes. It will please other friends, as well as it does the teachers, to know that as a result, there are mothers who do this kind of work for their neighbors, and thus add to their small incomes without being obliged to leave their children and go out to service.

"About the girls' kitchen there is nothing new to be said, except that each year the arrangement is attended with a little less friction, as experiments become established methods.

"There have recently been developments in the general work South which merit the attention of all its friends. Those who noticed Dr. Haygood's address in the *Independent* of August 23, do not need to be informed that there has been a great awakening among Southern white people on the subject of education, and it is opening their minds and hearts to the importance of instructing those till lately their bond-

men. This fact, besides making the situation of the Northern teacher pleasanter, should encourage and stimulate donations from the North, for, with the coöperation of influential Southern people, each dollar must accomplish more than formerly.

"If we add one more statement made and supported with statistics by Dr. Haygood, that the number of illiterate voters, both white and colored, in nearly every Southern state was much larger in 1880 than in 1870, it is plain that every true patriot in the great prosperous North should be stimulated to more vigorous effort for the education of the other half of our country, the unfortunate, still suffering South."

MISS BRACKETT'S REPORT.

"School-life at Harper's Ferry the past year was not unlike that of preceding years. Of the occupants of Myrtle Hall, the number of heroic, self-sacrificing young ladies, eager to improve, and grateful for the opportunities afforded by your society, is still in the majority.

"The girls' study was most thoroughly repaired by the Auxiliary of the New York church. Valuable additions of choice books were made to Dexter Library by the Greenwich St. Auxiliary, Providence. The room is still further rendered cheerful and homelike by a nice organ and oil painting, gifts from two ladies well known in your society.

"Our needs are still many, the most pressing of which are improvements on the building. Myrtle Hall needs to be painted, both outside and inside. We have not one pump within the limits of the institution. The pupil who rises at five o'clock winter mornings, and goes into the basement to do her washing, brings the water in a bucket let down by a rope into a cistern several feet from the outside door. We hope the time is not distant when cook-room and laundry will be supplied with rain-water. One pump would do service for both rooms.

"The demand for an Industrial department is as great as ever."

MISS FRANKLIN'S REPORT.

"The fall term was in every way a pleasant one. Cheerful obedience to the rules was observed by the pupils, and the teachers had enough to do without being too much pressed, as is usually the case in the term which follows.

"The event of the fall term is the 'sociable,' to which Mr. Brackett, on each Thanksgiving night, has, for years past,

invited the students, old and new, with many of their parents and friends. Many come from towns ten and twenty miles away. It is like a family gathering, from which the members go away smiling and happy. This year the genial host was obliged to take his guests to Anthony Hall, because his own parlor was too small to hold them.

"Seldom has death summoned one from our very midst, but early in the New Year, Myrtle Hall was visited by the sad messenger. The young lady's mother was a woman who had known sorrow, having followed to the grave her husband and seven children. She had been a slave, and bore on her own person many marks of that hated system. Turned penniless into the world at the close of the war, she has since, though sadly crippled, worked steadily, and each month of the last two years set apart a portion of her earnings to keep this remaining child in school. Her daughter had confided to me bright dreams of the time, apparently not far distant, when she could work for the support of both. 'She was my last,' said the mother to me, with a sadness that well might move the hardest heart. Well was it for that poor mother, that even in this dark hour she could put her trust in Him who had taken her child to Himself.

"How needs present themselves with the growth of the school. When the winter term swelled the class numbers into thirties and forties, I could but wish that a model school might be opened, answering the double purpose of getting the small children out of the way, and affording practice in teaching to those who intend to make a business of it. I suppose it seems very ungrateful to ask for more gifts, but it occurred to me that, were it known that many eyes were being materially injured by the glaring light from the shutterless and uncurtained windows, a special gift would come to supply the deficiency. Very pleasant and profitable to the school were the visits of Mr. Morrell, and Drs. Northrop and Brown.

"I think very little time is spent in vain regrets for what we have not. Generally we are grateful for what we have; and when the doors are closed, and we have bidden good-bye to the last pupil, I am glad that, though my efforts may have been feeble, and I have met with many failures, I am permitted to labor with and for these, my people, who have been 'troubled on every side yet not distressed, perplexed but not in despair, persecuted but not forsaken, cast down but not destroyed.'"

CHANGES IN THE MISSION.

Nearly a year ago, Miss L. C. Coombs, who at the last annual meeting of this Society was accepted as its missionary, sailed for her chosen field. Some time after her arrival, a letter from Mrs. Bacheler contained these words: "Miss Coombs is really wonderful. She takes hold of work like an old hand, and her progress in the language seems almost marvelous. She is also possessed of an uncommon share of common sense." Later, Miss Mary Bacheler writes: "Miss Coombs is a grand worker, only too energetic, but this defect the climate will soon remedy."

It is a matter of deep regret, that our mission ranks are so depleted, that the missionaries so often feel the necessity of working up to the very limit of, and even beyond, both mental and physical strength. This we well know to be a suicidal course, for nature's laws cannot be broken with impunity. Sooner or later, payment *must* be made for overtaxed energies.

Miss Mary Bacheler, who for several years has been employed by this society as a zenana teacher, and more recently as its missionary, has returned to this country for a much needed rest. She will be sadly missed in the zenanas, where she has so faithfully taught, and also among the mission workers, who loved her as a sister and friend. Her heart is still in the work. She writes: "I would like to return with the Griffins, but fear I should break down too soon to make it pay." May the season of rest,—not *work*,—in her native land, so recruit her exhausted energies, that in due time she may with new vigor, with increased strength of body and mind, take up again her much-loved work.

FORWARD.

Since the last report a charter has been secured, and the Society has already become the recipient of several bequests. May this onward step be but the precursor of many others.

Realizing as never before the necessity of increased zeal in our work, and trusting in Him whose hand has led us thus far, with "Forward" inscribed upon our banner, we step upon the threshold of our second decade, and look hopefully into the future.

Mrs. J. A. LOWELL.

Report of the Home Secretaries.

OUR Lord, when He was about to leave His disciples, said, "This is eternal life, that they may know thee, the true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou has sent." In this brief sentence, He unfolded to the Church in all ages the very heart of Christianity. When He commanded that the Gospel should be preached in all the world, He expected that this would be remembered—that His people would act on the full conviction that this Gospel which reveals the true God, and Jesus Christ, "is eternal life"—that this alone is eternal life. Do we believe this? If we do, can we be indifferent to the work by which this saving knowledge is being extended to the perishing? Dear sisters, do we always remember that our fealty to Christ demands our utmost endeavor to advance His kingdom? Do we remember that our common brotherhood demands that we share with others the blessings bestowed on us? Do we recognize, not only the duty but the privilege of working with our Lord for the world's redemption? This missionary work in which we are engaged enlarges our sphere, till it touches the circumference of the earth. It furnishes us a sublime object of action, and a lofty theme of thought. It ought to bring us into constant communion with our Lord, for if we would lift up the Cross in the sight of all the nations, it is necessary that we abide very near its base.

As a society, we have completed

OUR TENTH YEAR OF WORK.

As we look back over these years, we acknowledge with devout gratitude the mercy of our God, who, amid their arduous labors, has preserved the lives and the health of so many of our missionaries and crowned their efforts with a fair measure of success.

THE GREAT QUESTION

still presses on us: What shall we do for the 3,000,000 souls that look to us for the bread of life? Will the coming year find us more fervent in spirit, more earnest in prayer, more liberal with the means that God places in our hands?

OUR MAGAZINE.

The editor reports that "The wisdom of the decision of giving to the MISSIONARY HELPER the dignity and responsibility of a monthly publication seems not to be questioned. The expressions of gratitude and joy have been numerous, and the feeling grows stronger, that this is our own publication both to support and to enjoy. It is recognized as a helpful friend in many homes, and is lifting woman out of the routine of thought, and bringing her to look out on the wants and needs of others, and upward towards God.

"Its circulation is constantly increasing, being over seven hundred more than last year. The subscription price to clubs is found to be too small to pay the actual cost with the present number of subscribers."

This statement ought to arouse every friend to the necessity of increasing the number of the subscribers, and it may be, to the necessity of each paying the same price.

THE INCIDENTAL AND LITERATURE FUND

still needs to be greatly enlarged, and we entreat all our auxiliaries to raise five cents a member for this purpose. The money paid into this fund has been carefully used. Ten fold the sum that has been at their disposal could have been profitably used.

THE BUREAU OF INTELLIGENCE.

Miss Anthony reports that "The work and its needs are much the same as last year. The Bureau adds steadily and slowly to its supplies, and has constant need of fresh, and new material. I fear, a majority of our auxiliaries forget that the Bureau *can give forth only what it receives*, and that its success depends on their coöperation. There are many, however, who hold it in remembrance, and it contains helpful essays, poems, etc." Miss Bisbee has conducted the home and foreign correspondence of the Bureau, and speaks of the pleasure the work has given her, and of the hope that it may be increased and made more profitable to all.

THE DISTRICT REPORTS

are still imperfect, but we believe that under our new charter and constitution the work of organizing will go for-

ward more rapidly, and we hope before the end of another year, that every Yearly Meeting and association may have an efficient society.

PENOBSCOT YEARLY MEETING — **PRESIDENT, MRS. E. HARDING, ELLSWORTH; SECRETARY, MRS. M. R. WADE, DOVER.**

Q. M. Secretaries.

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| <p>Aroostook, Mrs. ADDIE M. CHILDS, Fort Fairfield. Ellsworth, Mrs. J. A. CHATTO, East Surry. Exeter, Mrs. R. S. HOWARD, Bangor. Houlton, Mrs. G. E. LOWDEN, Houlton.</p> | <p>Montville, Mrs. E. G. EASTMAN, Rockland. Sebec, Mrs. M. R. WADE, Dover. Springfield, Mrs. S. A. GRAVES, Springfield.</p> |
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The ladies of the Penobscot Y. M. organized in September under the new constitution and charter. The secretary reports: "Evidently the spirit of missions is increasing in our Yearly Meeting. Each year brings new workers into the field, giving courage and inspiration to those already interested.

"We have earnest, devoted laborers, not only in our auxiliaries, but in the children's bands. One band in the Aroostook Q. M. has recently taken a scholarship in the Industrial School, India, which will require \$20 yearly, and has also sent \$5 for the Industrial School building. They intend also to do something for Harper's Ferry. Certainly we older children may profit by their example."

The financial report is very encouraging. This year the contribution amounted to \$364.52, a gain over last year of \$95.99.

MAINE CENTRAL YEARLY MEETING — **PRESIDENT, MRS. E. N. FERNALD, LEWISTON, ME.; SECRETARY, MISS CLARA PURINGTON, WEST BOWDOIN, ME.**

At the session of the Maine Western Y. M., held in September at Auburn, a F. B. W. M. Society was organized under the new charter and constitution. Mrs. Fernald reports: "We hope the new society may help us to greater efficiency in our work. At this season, I always have a painful sense of our need of something that shall give us a hold on our auxiliaries, and infuse into every society and individual a sense of responsibility and devotion to our work.

"Our report is only partial, as our Q. M. secretaries have not gathered statistics. In the Waterville Quarterly Meeting, through the exertions and influence of Miss Haines, a Q. M. society has been organized.

"Undoubtedly the departure of Miss Coombs from this Yearly Meeting has given a fresh impetus to the work among her many personal friends, and I believe that all the societies have felt an increased interest, and a stronger purpose than ever before to obey the divine command, 'Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature.'"

MAINE WESTERN — SECRETARY, MRS. V. G. RAMSEY, NORTH
BERWICK, ME.

Q. M. Secretaries.

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| York Co., Mrs. F. C. BRADEEN, North Berwick. | Parsonsfield, Mrs. E. GUPTILL, Cor- nish. |
| Cumberland, Mrs. E. BLAKE, Steep Falls. | Otisfield, Mrs. S. R. BARROWS, East Otisfield. |

It is with great pleasure that we report a marked increase of interest in our work in this Y. M., especially in the York Co. and the Otisfield Quarterly Meetings. The women in this district have undertaken as their especial work, the support of Miss Mary Bachelor. We have raised more than enough for this purpose, but a considerable part has been appropriated to other work.

We have now twenty-four auxiliaries. We are not able to report the number of bands, but hope there are at least eight, which was the number last year.

In money contributions we have made a gain over last year of forty per cent.

NEW HAMPSHIRE.

NEW HAMPSHIRE YEARLY MEETING — SECRETARIES, MRS. H. F.
WOOD, DOVER, N. H.; MRS. C. H. GRIFFIN, CENTER SANDWICH.

No report received.

VERMONT.

VERMONT YEARLY MEETING — PRESIDENT, MRS. F. P. EATON,
CORINTH, VT.; SECRETARY, MRS. G. M. PRESCOTT,
LYNDON CENTRE.

Q. M. Secretaries.

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| South Strafford, Mrs. O. S. TRACY, North Tunbridge. | Stanstead, Miss FANNIE R. MOULTON, Stanstead. |
| Wheelock, Mrs. G. M. PRESCOTT, Lyn- don Centre. | Corinth, Mrs. F. P. EATON, Corinth. |

The secretary reports: "It is encouraging to report progress in a work that we ardently wish to make successful. We believe there is progress, and though the laborers are still few compared with those who are indifferent, we know that the influence of this few is permeating the church. We believe there are in every church women who are interested in our work and wish to help. When the time comes that they are banded together, united in work and in prayer, we will be able to do a great deal more than we are doing."

This Y. M. society has organized under the new constitution, and hopes to do more effective work in the future.

They have 13 auxiliaries, 6 bands, 170 members, and have raised \$201.93 during the year. One new auxiliary and 2 bands have been formed the past year.

MASSACHUSETTS.

SECRETARY, MRS. T. H. STACY, LAWRENCE, MASS.

The secretary of this association writes that no reports have been made to her by the auxiliaries; and yet these auxiliaries have been doing a work of which they need not be ashamed. From the monthly reports made in the *HELPER* we learn that of the ten churches in this association eight have contributed to our treasury. We know that there are among them zealous and devoted workers, and we hope, before the close of another year, they may be perfectly organized and able to make a report of progress in every way.

RHODE ISLAND.

PRESIDENT, MRS. L. DEXTER, BLACKSTONE, MASS.; RECORDING SECRETARY, MRS. C. S. FROST, PAWTUCKET, R. I.; CORRESPONDING SECRETARY AND TREASURER, MRS. E. H. ANDREWS, 281 WASHINGTON STREET, PROVIDENCE, R. I.

The secretary reports: "The work of the Woman's Mission in Rhode Island the last year has been much like that in the past. It is being carried forward under a systematic organization; and if there has not been great apparent success, we feel that there has been growth and development, and we rejoice in the springing up of some seed that seemed lost and forgotten.

"Our efforts to raise the salaries of Miss Hattie Phillips and Miss Franklin have been successful, and we have assisted in other objects. Aside from the sum raised last year

for Anthony Hall, our receipts this year are two hundred dollars in advance.

"Our endeavor is so to plan and organize our work that it shall be permanent, and while the growth may be slow we trust it may be lasting."

The Woman's Missionary Society holds a large place in the hearts of the women of Rhode Island.

The number of auxiliaries in this association is ten; young people's societies and children's bands, seven; the money raised, \$885.71.

WISCONSIN.

WISCONSIN YEARLY MEETING — PRESIDENT, MRS. W. H.

WASHBURNE, RACINE; SECRETARY, MRS. C. H. TRUE,
STEWART, GREEN COUNTY.

The secretary reports: "We are encouraged in our work. The interest in missions appears to be more general. Our societies take various ways to accomplish the work. Our churches are small and widely scattered. Some are without pastors, and there is much to do at home, but we desire to have a part in the great conflict by which the kingdom of our Lord is being extended into the dark regions of the earth. The *HELPER* is doing a good work and is finding its way into many families."

INDIANA.

NORTHERN INDIANA YEARLY MEETING — SECRETARY, MRS.

H. W. VAUGHN, LA GRANGE.

The secretary says: "I am happy to report progress in mission work. A society has been organized in the La Grange Q. M., and we hope to be able next year to organize in each of the Quarterly Meetings. Our hearts are with you in this work for Christ and the world."

INDIANA YEARLY MEETING — SECRETARY, MISS FANNIE T.

JAQUITH, WRIGHT'S CORNER.

We have no report from this district. We trust that work is being done by our sisters there, that they have a place in the great army of the Lord. We will gladly welcome them into our organization.

ILLINOIS.

ILLINOIS YEARLY MEETING — SECRETARY, MISS CATHERINE
HODGES, COLCHESTER.

No report has been received from this district, and yet we know from the monthly reports in the *HELPER* that there are friends here who remember our work. We desire that the number may greatly increase.

IOWA.

IOWA YEARLY MEETING — SECRETARY, MISS L. E. CHAMPLIN,
WATERLOO.

The illness of Miss Champlin has prevented her from doing the work which, in former years, has been so faithfully and cheerfully done. We have no report, but we doubt not the faithful and patient workers are still toiling on, and that in due time they will reap if they faint not.

WEST VIRGINIA.

WEST VIRGINIA Y. M. — SECRETARY, MISS L. E. BRACKETT,
HARPER'S FERRY.

The secretary reports no advance in the work, but feels the necessity of patient continuance in well doing. The heavy burdens that fall on her in the school prevent her from laboring for this interest as she would gladly do if time and strength were at her command.

Mrs. Libbie Griffin, Western home secretary, briefly reports the remaining Yearly Meetings as follows:

OHIO.

OHIO ASSOCIATION — PRESIDENT, MRS. T. H. DRAKE;
SECRETARY AND TREASURER, MRS. H. J. COE.

The Woman's Missionary Society of the Ohio Free Communion Baptist Association held its second annual meeting at Marion, O., Sept. 5th and 6th, 1883. Reports of the past year showed considerable advancement in organization and an increased interest in mission work throughout the state.

There are three Y. M. organizations—the Ohio and Pennsylvania, the Ohio, and the Ohio River. The Ohio

Central has no Y. M. society, but considerable interest is manifested. There are three Q. M. organizations, and some church auxiliaries. The state society appointed Mrs. O. E. Baker to act as president, and Mrs. J. J. Mills, Canterbury, Knox Co., as secretary, until a Y. M. organization should be effected.

OHIO AND PENNSYLVANIA YEARLY MEETING — PRESIDENT, MRS. T. H. DRAKE; SECRETARY, MRS. S. L. PARKER,
LAKE PLEASANT, PENN.

Of its five Quarterly Meetings, four have organized societies, and there are ten church auxiliaries.

OHIO YEARLY MEETING — PRESIDENT, MRS. R. G. POSTON; SECRETARY, MRS. MARGARET COMPTON, HARVEYSBURG,
WARREN CO.

The two Quarterly Meetings have organized societies.

OHIO RIVER Y. M. — PRESIDENT, MRS. H. J. CARR; SECRETARY, MISS AMANDA ROUSH, CHESIRE.

There are here three Q. M. organizations, and twelve church auxiliaries.

The special work of the Ohio Woman's Missionary Society is the raising of funds for the support of Dr. Nellie Phillips, but considerable is raised besides for home and educational work.

The receipts for the year just closed are \$594.45. The society appropriates \$50 for school work in India under the direction of Dr. Nellie Phillips.

THE ONTARIO ASSOCIATION.

There is here no association mission organization. The North and South Zorra and the Iona churches have auxiliaries which are doing good work. In this association there is piety, intelligence, and wealth that should be attainable to our mission work; and this generous people only need a better knowledge of our work and a more intimate acquaintance with our workers to insure to us greatly increased help, one brother alone supporting a native preacher in India.

NEW YORK AND PENNSYLVANIA.

THE CENTRAL ASSOCIATION — MRS. NELLIE DUNN GATES, SECRETARY.

There are eight Yearly Meetings in the association, and their report is in brief, as follows: The Holland Purchase Yearly Meeting has a Y. M. W. M. society, and two of its

five Quarterly Meetings are organized — the Cattaraugus and the Genesee. The Erie Quarterly Meeting has several auxiliaries and does much effective mission work. The Genesee Yearly Meeting, though not organized, has Q. M. missionary societies in two of its four Quarterly Meetings, and the Freedom Quarterly Meeting has one church auxiliary. Altogether this Yearly Meeting is strong in mission work.

In the Susquehanna Yearly Meeting the Gibson Q. M. is organized, and there is some earnest mission work done in the other Quarterly Meetings. More interest in mission work is needed in some of these churches.

In the New York and Pennsylvania Yearly Meeting three of the four Quarterly Meetings are organized. The Chemung Q. M. has been doing effective home mission work in aiding the Elmira church to build its fine house of worship.

The St. Lawrence is a small Yearly Meeting, but not small in the amount of mission work done. It has faithful women and earnest men who are systematically and generously giving for the spread of the Gospel.

The New York Central Yearly Meeting has a wide-awake organization, and most of its Quarterly Meetings and many of its churches have societies. The Rev. Z. F. Griffin and wife, who sailed for India in October, go from this Yearly Meeting, and will not be forgotten by it. At its last session \$200 was raised for their outfit.

In the Pennsylvania Yearly Meeting the Harrisburg and Bellevue churches have auxiliaries. The other churches, so far as I know, have no organizations.

The missionary meeting in connection with the Central Association, lately held in Elmira, N. Y., was one never to be forgotten. During the consecration of our missionaries, the Rev. and Mrs. Z. F. Griffin, all the people stood, thus pledging them their sympathy and generous support. Our contributions for missions are increasing, and hopefully we go forward. Mrs. Griffin is our children's missionary, and her support is to be given in \$5.00 shares, by our Sunday Schools and mission bands. Thirty-six shares have already been taken.

MRS. V. G. RAMSEY.

MRS. LIBBIE CILLEY GRIFFIN.

Minutes.

EIGHTH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE F. B. W. F. M. SOCIETY OF NOVA SCOTIA, HELD AT KEMPTVILLE, SEPTEMBER 13 AND 14, 1883.

The officers and members convened in the church at 5 P. M., on Thursday, Pres. Mrs. E. J. Gowen in the chair. The secretary being absent, Miss M. L. Hilton was chosen secretary *pro tem*.

Minutes of previous meeting were read and approved. Officers were then elected as follows: President, Mrs. E. J. Gowen; Vice-Presidents, Mrs. S. N. Royal, Mrs. F. Babcock, Mrs. B. B. Woodworth; Corresponding Secretary, Miss Debbie Crowell; Treasurer, Mrs. R. H. Crowell; Recording Secretary, Miss Mary Hilton.

District Secretaries—No. 1, Miss Susie Smith; No. 2, Miss Rosie Cohoon; No. 3, Mrs. F. Babcock; No. 4, Mrs. R. H. Crowell; No. 5, Miss Mary Hilton; No. 6, Mrs. N. D. McGray.

Committee on Missionary Intelligence—Mrs. R. H. Crowell, Mrs. F. Babcock, Mrs. John Marshall.

Additional Executive Committee—Mrs. Jas. Burke, Mrs. George Nickerson, Miss Debbie Crowell, Mrs. Henry Coffin, Miss H. Gray.

Adjourned to meet in the church on Friday, at 2 P. M.

Public Meeting Friday, 2 P. M.

President, Mrs. E. J. Gowen, in the chair. Meeting opened by singing, after which the president gave a Scripture reading, and the Rev. F. Babcock offered prayer.

As the previous corresponding secretary had resigned her office, there was no report.

The reports of district secretaries were then called for. Secretary of No. 1 being absent and having sent no report, Mrs. James Cushing spoke of the work being done there, and also made some impressive remarks in reference to training the young for mission work. No report from No. 2. Secretary of No. 3 being absent, Mrs. F. Babcock represented her district, and spoke of the efforts being made to raise money for missions, and their success, which was cheering.

Secretary of No. 4 spoke of the encouragement she had received from the increased interest manifested, and the desire of the members of inactive societies to be again resuscitated.

Secretary of No. 5 then read her report, showing an increase in finances, and in the efforts made to instruct and interest the indifferent ones.

The report of No. 6 was read by the president. It was full of interest and good cheer, showing that there are devoted workers in that district.

The treasurer then presented her report, which was very encouraging. Total amount raised, \$547.60.

Interesting essays and addresses followed. . . .

Singing, "Bringing in the Sheaves," and benediction, pronounced by the Rev. W. Weston, closed this interesting session.

MARY HILTON, *Recording Secretary*.

Treasurer's Report.

LAURA A. DeMERITTE, IN ACCOUNT WITH THE FREE BAPTIST
WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY, FOR ELEVEN MONTHS END-
ING WITH AUGUST 30, 1883.

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| | DR. | |
| To cash on hand Sept. 30, 1882..... | | \$248 20 |
| " for Foreign Missions, including be- quest of Mrs. A. B. Meservey, New Hampton, N. H., of \$300.00 for Foreign Missions..... | \$580 71 | |
| Cash for zenana work..... | 164 00 | |
| " from MISSIONARY HELPER towards pas- sage of Miss Coombs..... | 250 00 | |
| " for Miss Ida Phillips' salary and special work | 218 10 | |
| " Miss Hattie Phillips' salary and work | 434 49 | |
| " Mrs. D. F. Smith's salary and work | 253 76 | |
| " Miss Mary Bachelor's salary and work | 179 89 | |
| " Miss Coombs' salary and outfit..... | 303 02 | |
| " Mrs. O. R. Bachelor's work..... | 50 00 | |
| " Mrs. J. L. Philips' work..... | 142 35 | |
| " Mrs. J. Burkholder's work..... | 68 25 | |
| " Home Missions..... | 73 51 | |
| " Harper's Ferry..... | 50 61 | |
| " Miss Lura Brackett's salary..... | 55 45 | |
| " Miss Coralie Franklin's salary..... | 226 75 | |
| " from reserved fund money which was do- nated for a new missionary..... | 128 92 | |
| " interest on money invested..... | 17 10 | |
| " for general work, which includes bequest of Miss Sally Hall, Candia Village, N. H., \$128.53..... | 1,341 22 | |
| Total receipts for yearly appropriations, \$4,538.13. | | |
| For Anthony Hall..... | 6 00 | |
| " Incidental fund..... | 35 37 | |
| " Industrial Home..... | 71 25 | |
| " Working capital..... | 10 00 | |
| Total for special appropriations, \$122.62. | | |
| Total Receipts..... | \$4,660 75 | |
| Total to account for..... | \$4,908 95 | |
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| By cash paid Miss I. Phillips, for salary,.... | \$400 00 | |
| " Miss I. Phillips, for zenana work, etc..... | 270 00 | |
| " Miss Hattie Phillips, for salary. | 400 00 | |
| " Miss Hattie Phillips, for schools, etc..... | 100 00 | |

Treasurer's Report.

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| By cash paid Mrs. D. F. Smith, for salary from Nov. 7, 1882, to Jan. 1, 1884.... | \$459 00 |
| " " Mrs. D. F. Smith, for Orphanage, etc., from Nov. 7, 1882, to Jan. 1, 1884..... | 164 63 |
| " " Miss Mary Bachelor, for salary, three-fourths of year..... | 300 00 |
| " " Miss Coombs, for outfit and pas- sage..... | 452 19 |
| " " Miss Coombs, for salary..... | 400 00 |
| " " Mrs. O. R. Bachelor, for zenana work, etc..... | 150 00 |
| " " Mrs. J. L. Phillips, for Ragged Schools, etc..... | 325 00 |
| " " Mrs. J. Burkholder, for schools, etc. | 120 00 |
| " " Miss Lura Brackett, for salary... | 400 00 |
| " " Miss C. Franklin, for salary..... | 300 00 |
| " " Mrs. Brackett, for items connected with work..... | 180 00 |
| " " Bureau of Missionary Intelligence, for postage..... | 3 82 |
| " " Printing reports..... | 101 46 |
| Total for yearly appropriations, \$4,526.10. | |
| " " Anthony Hall..... | 5 00 |
| " " Industrial school..... | 133 50 |
| " " Working capital..... | 10 00 |
| " " Miss I. Phillips, on salary due Oct. 1, 1882..... | 19 64 |
| " " Incidental fund..... | 32 33 |
| " " Miss C. Franklin, due Oct. 1, 1882 | 94 |
| Total special appropriations \$201.41. | |
| Total disbursements..... | \$4,727 51 |
| Cash on hand Aug. 31, 1883..... | 181 44 |
| Accounted for as above..... | \$4,908 95 |

Of this balance there is due sundry items amounting to \$174.11.
Have overpaid Industrial Home \$30.00, leaving net amount due
\$144.11.

INVESTMENTS.

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| Balance of note against Storer College..... | \$149 22 |
| Deposited in Strafford Co. Savings Bank.... | 422 39 |
| Total working capital invested..... | \$571 61 |
| Being thirty-four cents due from the treasury of the society. | |

Laura A. DeMeritte, *Treasurer.*

I hereby certify that I have examined the foregoing account, and
find it correctly cast and well vouched, and the investments made
as per statement.

Mrs. E. B. Chamberlin, *Auditor.*

Receipts from the following sources :

| | |
|-------------------------|------------|
| Maine..... | \$1,425 97 |
| New Hampshire..... | 1,001 25 |
| Rhode Island | 702 02 |
| Massachusetts..... | 335 61 |
| Vermont..... | 130 53 |
| New York... .. | 104 97 |
| Michigan..... | 77 73 |
| Iowa..... | 70 29 |
| Wisconsin..... | 68 35 |
| Ohio..... | 64 48 |
| Province of Quebec..... | 56 25 |
| Nova Scotia..... | 50 00 |
| Illinois..... | 45 00 |
| Missouri..... | 40 00 |
| Minnesota..... | 29 00 |
| West Virginia..... | 10 65 |
| Nebraska..... | 10 00 |
| Indiana..... | 5 00 |
| Dakota Territory..... | 2 60 |
| Interest..... | 17 10 |
| Reserved Fund..... | 128 92 |
| MISSIONARY HELPER..... | 250 00 |
| Miscellaneous..... | 35 03 |
| Total receipts..... | \$4,660 75 |

APPROPRIATIONS FOR 1884.

INDIA.

Midnapore.

| | |
|---|----------|
| Ragged Schools (Mrs. J. L. Phillips)..... | \$325 00 |
| Salary of Miss L. C. Coombs..... | 400 00 |
| Schools and Zenanas..... | 200 00 |

Jellaspore.

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|-----------------------------------|--------|
| Salary of Mrs. D. F. Smith..... | 400 00 |
| Girls' Orphanage and schools..... | 200 00 |

Bhimpore.

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| Teachers and schools (Mrs. Burkholder)..... | 160 00 |
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Balasore.

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| Salary of Miss Hattie F. Phillips..... | 400 00 |
| Schools..... | 100 00 |
| Salary of Miss Ida Phillips..... | 400 00 |
| Zenana and district work..... | 270 00 |
| Return passage of Miss M. Bachelor..... | 400 00 |

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| Total for India..... | \$3,255 00 |
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HARPER'S FERRY, WEST VA.

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| Salary of Miss L. Brackett..... | 400 00 |
| Salary of Miss C. Franklin..... | 300 00 |
| Salary of Mrs. N. C. Brackett..... | 400 00 |
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| Total for Normal School..... | \$1,100 00 |
| Home Missions..... | 200 00 |
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| Total. | \$4,555 00 |

Constitution.

ARTICLE I.

NAME.

THIS organization shall be called the Free Baptist Woman's Missionary Society.

ARTICLE II.

OBJECT.

The object of this Society shall be to extend the Christian religion and its blessings more especially among women and children, by sending and supporting missionaries and teachers, and by establishing schools and churches in Free Baptist fields, and for this purpose to enlist and unite the efforts of women in forming auxiliary societies.

ARTICLE III.

MEMBERSHIP.

The payment of \$1.00 per year shall constitute membership, and \$20.00 life membership.

ARTICLE IV.

OFFICERS.

The officers of this Society shall be a President, a Vice-President from each Yearly Meeting or Association Society, who shall be the same person as is the President of a Yearly Meeting or Association Society, a Corresponding Secretary, a Recording Secretary, two or more Home Secretaries, a Treasurer, an Assistant Treasurer, when needed, an Auditor, who, with thirteen other women, shall constitute a Board of Managers, seven of whom may form a quorum. These officers shall be elected annually, and shall hold their offices till others are elected and qualified.

ARTICLE V.

RELATIONS TO OTHER SOCIETIES.

This Society shall act as an associate worker with the F. W. B. Foreign Mission Society and the F. W. B. Home Mission Society, and no missionary shall be sent to India without the approval of the F. W. B. Foreign Mission Society.

ARTICLE VI.

MEETINGS.

The Annual Meeting shall be held in the month of October, due notice of time and place being given by the Recording Secretary, who shall also call special meetings when so directed by the Board of Managers.

ARTICLE VII.

CHANGES.

This Constitution may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the members present at any regular meeting, notice of said change having been given in writing at a previous annual meeting.

By-Laws.

ARTICLE I.—DUTIES OF OFFICERS.

1. The President shall perform all duties usual to such office, and shall also be the president of the Board of Managers.
2. The Vice-Presidents, who are the presidents of Y. M. and Association societies, shall perform the duties usual to such office. The one who is president of the Y. M. Society in which the meeting of this Society is held, shall, in absence of the President, perform her duties. They are also members of the Board of Managers.
3. The Recording Secretary shall also be secretary of the Board of Managers, and shall read the minutes of all sessions of the Board of Managers, at the Annual Meeting of the Society, for its approval. She shall apprise members of committees of their appointment, and shall perform all other duties usual to such office.
4. The Foreign Corresponding Secretary shall conduct the official correspondence with the missionaries and teachers, both at home and abroad, and keep on file letters and papers. She shall call meetings of the Board of Managers, duly notifying each member, when she deems necessary, or when requested by not less than five members of the Board, and present to the Society an annual report.
5. The Home Corresponding Secretaries shall have oversight of the work of the Society as relates to organization, securing the formation, as far as possible, of Y. M., Q. M. and Auxiliary Societies. They shall conduct correspondence with the Corresponding Secretary of these societies, and present to the Society an annual report.
6. The Treasurer shall keep an accurate account of all receipts and disbursements of money, and present a detailed report which has been accepted by the Board of Managers, at each annual meeting of the Society. She shall pay no bills except by vote of the Board, which vote shall be signed by the Recording Secretary. She shall also give a bond satisfactory to the Board.

7. The Board of Managers shall select and appoint missionaries, designate their fields of labor, appropriate the funds in the treasury, fill vacancies in the offices of the Society when any occur, and execute such other business as may be necessary for accomplishing the object of the Society.

ARTICLE II.—STANDING COMMITTEES.

1. *A Publication Committee* of seven shall be appointed annually, who shall have in charge tracts, leaflets, books, and our magazine. Their special duties shall be assigned them by the Board of Managers, and they shall report annually to the Society.

2. *Bureau of Intelligence*.—This department of work is designed to afford a medium of circulating missionary intelligence among Auxiliaries and churches. It shall be under the care of a committee of two persons, who shall have power to enlarge their number when needed. They shall report annually to the Society.

3. *Advisory Committee (in India)*.—The missionaries of this Society in India shall constitute an Advisory Committee, regularly organized. Business requiring action of the Board of Managers shall be communicated through their secretary: this shall include requests for furloughs to return home, and any possible resignation of missionaries. In consultation with other missionaries whose work we assist, it shall ascertain and recommend the proportionate amount of money needed for the work at the several stations, the Secretary forwarding this basis of appropriation with the annual reports of the several missionaries to the Corresponding Secretary of the Society by July 1st, annually.

ARTICLE III.—SPECIAL OBJECTS.

1. *Incidental Fund*.—This fund is designed for the payment of necessary expenses of special meetings of the Board of Managers, traveling expenses of delegates and committees, and for postage, stationery and printing of the officers of the general Society. Its disbursements shall be under control of the Board of Managers.

2. *Working Capital*.—The interest of this fund is designed to be used for the general work of this Society, and the fund itself only as security for obtaining money to meet emergencies. The money borrowed on this security is to be returned before new appropriations are made. This capital shall be invested in safe securities by the Treasurer, under direction of the Board.

CHANGES.

These By-laws may be amended at any regular meeting of the Society, by a two-thirds vote of the members present.

Memberships and Scholarships.

The payment of \$1.00 constitutes a member for one year.

\$20.00 constitutes a life member.

\$25.00 supports an orphan for one year in India.

\$25.00 supports a zenana teacher one year in India.

Charter.

AN ACT TO INCORPORATE THE FREE BAPTIST WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives, in
Legislature assembled, as follows:*

SECTION 1. Mary A. Davis, Arcy C. Hayes, Marietta S. Waterman, Marilla M. H. Hills, Vienna G. Ramsey, Emily S. Burlingame, Laura A. DeMeritte, Julia A. Lowell, Marilla M. Brewster, Susan A. Porter, Frances S. Mosher, Mary R. Wade, Hannah D. Chamberlin, Clara C. Dexter, Emily C. Jenness, their associates and successors, are hereby constituted a corporation, under the name of the Free Baptist Woman's Missionary Society, and by that name shall have power to prosecute and defend suits at law, have and use a common seal, and change the same at pleasure, take and hold for the objects of their association, by gift, grant, bequest, purchase or otherwise, any estate, real or personal, the annual income of which shall not exceed twenty-five thousand dollars, and to sell and convey any estate, real or personal, which the interests of said society may require to be sold and conveyed.

SEC. 2. All property and estate, real or personal, which at any time may come into the possession of the said corporation, shall be faithfully applied to the promotion of the cause of missions, both in home and foreign lands, and to establishing schools therein.

SEC. 3. The said corporation may adopt such rules and by-laws, the same not being repugnant to the laws of this state, as they may deem expedient for the management of their affairs. They may choose all necessary officers, and they shall be and they are hereby invested with all the powers, privileges, rights, and immunities incident to similar corporations.

SEC. 4. The said corporation may hold its meetings, annual or special, in any of the states or territories of the United States, and may choose its officers therefrom.

SEC. 5. The first meeting of the said corporation may be held in the Paige Street Free Baptist Church, in Lowell, Massachusetts, on Wednesday, the thirty-first day of January, eighteen hundred and eighty-three, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, or at such other place and time as Mary A. Davis, Arcy C. Hayes, and Marietta S. Waterman, or any two of them, may determine, by giving seasonable notice of said meeting to all the persons named as corporators.

SEC. 6. This act shall take effect when approved.

Form of Bequest.

I GIVE and bequeath to the FREE BAPTIST WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY, incorporated in the year 1882, under the laws of the State of Maine, the sum of dollars, to be used for the purposes of said Society.

